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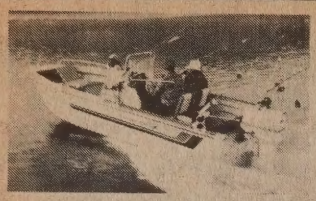

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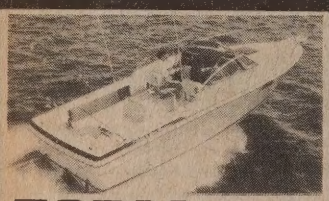

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We hope to run these trips for many more years to come as we feel this is the way to keep the kids pointed in the right direction to develop the fishermen of tomorrow.

DEC SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS

Environmental Conservation Commissioner Henry G. Williams said today that the department is seeking public comment on a proposed revised policy on limiting fishing in waters contaminated by potentially hazardous chemicals.

"The department has taken actions in the past to prohibit the taking of fish from several waters of the state on the basis of chemical contamination and certification of a potential adverse health threat by the state commissioner of health," Williams said.

"The new policy would define how and under what circumstances the DEC would close a fishery when fish are found to contain elevated levels of chemical contaminants. Criteria will also be established for opening fisheries which have been closed when contaminant levels have improved adequately."

Williams said the department has tentatively determined that the policy may have a significant environmental impact and therefore is preparing a draft environmental impact statement.

As currently conceived, the policy would have the following elements:

• Health advisories would continue to be published for recreational fisheries which contain elevated levels of chemical contaminants. Recreational fisheries would be closed only when a public health emergency is declared by the Commissioner of Health.

• A commercial fishery would be closed when the median level of contaminants of an adequate sample of fish exceeds a tolerance or guideline promulgated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, NYS Department of Health or NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets.

• A commercial fishery would be reopened when it is 95 percent certain that fish will not exceed an applicable tolerance or guideline.

A health advisory is included in the New York State Fishing, Small Game Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide published by DEC and given to every licensed angler.

"The draft policy and DEIS are scheduled for completion by September 1," Williams said, "and the department would like to receive comments or suggestions about this policy, particularly with regard to viable alternatives."

Comments should be sent to: Edward G. Horn, Ph.D, Chief Fish and Wildlife Ecologist, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Room 530, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12233.

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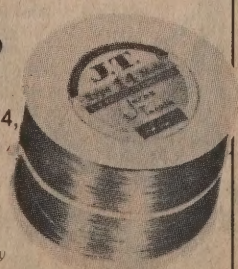
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You now seem to have gone back on your word by adopting a policy of resignation to the inevitability of such a law, whether on a state or federal level.

I say—nonsense. This is nothing more than an attempt to soak the people with another revenue-raising measure and to take away a little more of the freedom we are supposed to have as citizens of the United States of America, such as the recently revealed plan to force people to wear seat belts when driving. Laws such as this not only demolish our freedom, but go a long way towards turning the State of New York into a Police State.

I, for one, am bitterly opposed to being required, under penalty of law, to get and pay for the God-given right to wet a fishing line and fish in his ocean.

I would remind you men of your promise to oppose vigorously any saltwater license bill. To do anything less would be a betrayal and sell-out of the saltwater sportsman. *R.L. Trainor.*

Easy! Take a deep breath; take a Valium! We haven't gone back on our promise. We said we would fight as hard as possible to defeat bad license bills then, and we still say the same thing now. We will do everything in our power to prevent government from getting another tax finger in our pocket.

You've misunderstood what we're trying to do. The article was a news update and not an editorial. We were not proposing or supporting a license. Rather, we were informing our readers. Would you rather your publication stick its head in the sand and pretend that the real world doesn't exist? By exercising an attitude of "what you don't know won't hurt you," a bad bill could be signed into law without any of us knowing about it. We intend to keep you informed on what's happening relative to the saltwater license issue: and there is a lot happening. It would be foolhardy to pretend it isn't. Both on the national and state level the pressure for saltwater license legislation is growing. If you disagree, regardless of content, well now you know what the plans of others are. Don't sit there, get active. Fight for what you believe in and against what you do not believe in. Maybe if we didn't tell you what's going on you wouldn't know there was something to fight.

On the other hand, many of our readers are in favor of a license and they, too, want to know so they can fight for it. We aren't taking sides and we aren't rooting for a winner. In a democracy, information flows freely so that intelligent and concerned people can make informed decisions. We're trying to do our part. Dr. W.A. Muller.

IS IT SAFE?

Dear Dr. Muller,

A question about whether or not it is safe to eat striped bass.

A recent New York Times report on the Westway controversy tells us that, with the decline of Chesapeake Bay as a breeding ground, half of the striped bass found in local waters come from the Hudson River.

In the past, we have had numerous warnings about PCB and other contamination in Hudson River fish, with warnings that they should be eaten infrequently, if at all.

If the newspaper report is accurate, there is a 50/50 chance that any striper we catch, buy at a fish market or order in a restaurant came from the Hudson.

What is the latest evaluation on the safety of eating stripers? *Sid Darion.*

This is not a simple question to answer, although there are those who say it is. Some strident conservationists argue that toxic chemical contamination is high enough that the fish should be banned from harvest and sale. Others, those who harvest and sell them, might take the other point of view and say that the fish are healthy and safe to eat. Thus, it falls upon the shoulders of scientists to make recommendations about consumption. Scientists recognize that contamination in striped bass is not uniform and that exposure to toxic chemicals has not been uniform among the fish buying public: some have almost no exposure, while others have high previous exposure. Thus, the scientist takes the middle of the road and suggests that fish, such as striped bass, should not be consumed more than once a week. They further suggest cutting away the fatty tissue (red meat along the flanks) because these chemicals are fat soluble and tend to concentrate more in fatty tissue. There are also special cautions for pregnant women. Yet, as we said, it is a varied problem and so, too, the answer varies.

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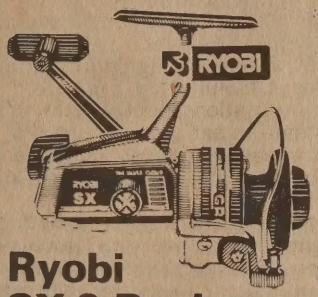

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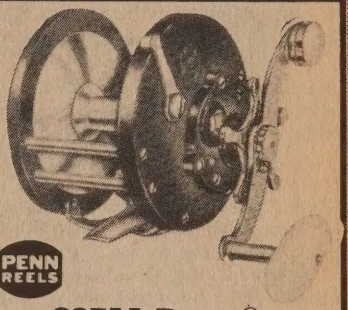

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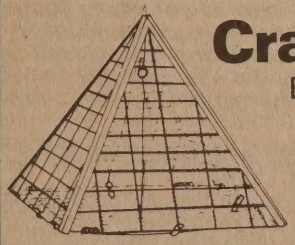

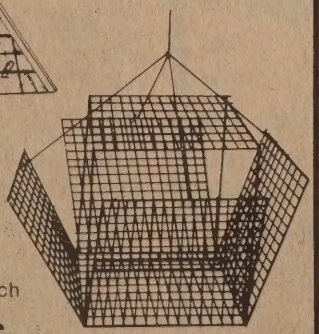

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means of support. I therefore have reason to believe that my exposure to PCBs and other chemicals is already quite high. Therefore, although I love them, I haven't eaten a striped bass in 12 years. If I had not had a high level previous exposure, I would eat bass now and again. You have to make up your own mind. Dr. W.A. Muller.

HUDSON RIVER STRIPERS

Enclosed is another article from our local newspaper, Middletown Record, concerning commercial striped bass fishing in the Hudson. This is the second article I've sent you concerning this matter. I hope you are receiving my corespondence, as I have not heard from you on my last letter. This particular article seems to delay the commercial fishing. If and when commercial fishing for stripers opens in the Hudson I believe it will be the beginning of the end for a fish that has finally found a place to try and repair the damage netters in this type of area have done. *Robert Shute.*

I'm sorry, but we can't send a personal letter to everyone who writes. That's why we have the vehicle of Chum Lines. *I hope you read Chum Lines, because that way you'll get your answer as timely as possible.*

There are many people who agree with you that the key to recent spawning success in the Hudson has been the ban on commercial striped bass fishing. Others argue to the contrary. The recent FDA ruling to lower permissible PCB levels to 2ppm should, however, prolong the Hudson closure according to most informed opinions and some suggest the commercial striped bass fishery in the Hudson may be closed more or less permanently. We heard a lot of contradictory information lately, and anyone who's bounced around politicians long enough has learned never to bank on any decision because decisions have as much permanence as the wind. If you and others feel strongly, put the pressure on your legislators and DEC. Dr. W.A. Muller.

WHAT ARE THESE WORMS?

Dear Dr. Muller:

On a recent fishing trip to Cashes Ledge, my friends and I caught a number of codfish that contained a worm-like parasite in their flesh. The worms are sand colored, hard-skinned and about half an inch long. They appeared to be alive. I am unsure of what they are. Can you help? What are they, and are they a threat to humans by contact or consumption?

I have not decided what to do with the rest of the fish. Please advise me of your findings. Thank you. *Vincent Sutera.*

Each year we receive up to a dozen letters about parasites in codfish. Although, indeed, the animals in codfish are usually worms, the hard-skinned characteristic throws me, since worms are typically soft bodied.

Is it possible that you were

mistaken? It really isn't significant, however, since an accurate identification is really only possible when a scientist has the opportunity to study the creature firsthand. Without the specimens, we can only guess. Also, most critters have a parasite or two in their bodies somewhere. That includes humans. It doesn't mean we're sick, because it takes the right parasites, in the right positions, and in the right numbers to cause a problem. Through the course of a lifetime most animals pick up a few that do not cause a problem and become dormant in the body.

Codfish are particularly prone to infestations of some parasites, usually worm-like. The codfish are safe to eat and the only eating consideration is the aesthetics. If the worms begin to appear during cleaning or cooking, the fact may induce revulsion. Some folks aren't bothered and they sweep the parasites aside. For others, eating becomes out of the question. Hope this helps. Dr. W.A. Muller.

WESTWAY AND STRIPED BASS!

You may have read the enclosed article by Murray Kempton of Newsday. If not, this article will surely be of interest to you as it was to me. Sincerely, *Ed Arikian.*

Dr. Arikian sent along an editorial from Newsday in which the author is critical, basically, of holding up Westway because of the potential danger to striped bass. If one puts aside the striped bass issue, which at the present time will have to be settled by Judge Griesa, the editorial tends to incite rancor because of its tone, as well as its position. But then, that's what editorials are supposed to do.

However, we have noticed, as does the author, a trend in recent years for environmental issues to be settled on the basis of the survival of an animal or plant. However, we disagree that concerned humans deliberately and originally select and seek out these animals to win their private wars. Rather, we think the chicken came after the egg. That is, initially environmental cases were argued on the basis of their inherent common sense. However, humans rose to the occasion claiming that a pro-environmental decision would take food out of the mouths of their children and they would lose their jobs, and the sky would fall, etc. Others then had to find more successful arguments for pro-environmental decisions and they found them in the potential danger to the survival of animals. Good for them. Whatever it takes! Somewhere along the line otherwise intelligent people will need to realize that it isn't a struggle of striped bass against humans. If we sacrifice environments and species on the altar of human welfare, we will ultimately find ourselves with no fish and no environment. We wonder what jobs will be worth then. Dr. W.A. Muller.

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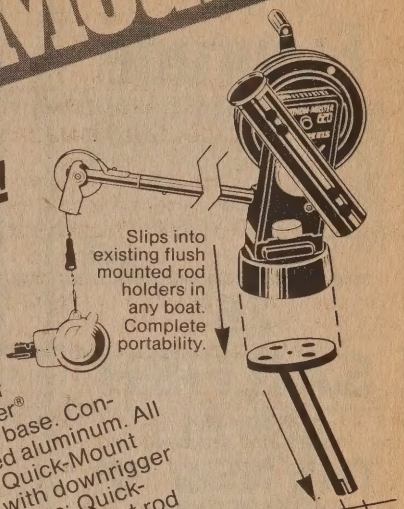

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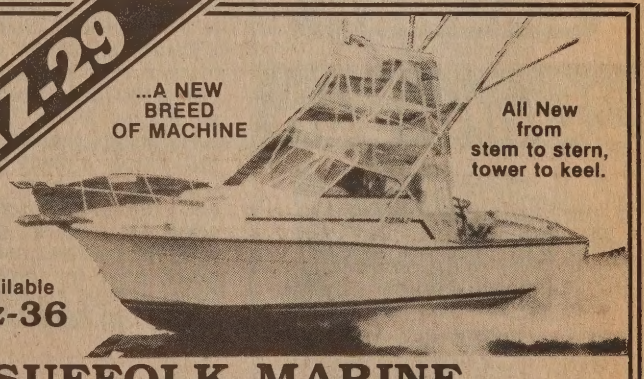

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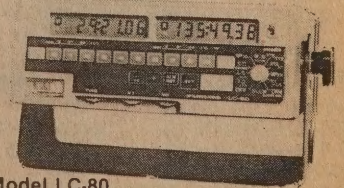

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by Fred Golofaro

Long Island/Metropolitan area anglers would be wise to plan on doing some bluefishing on September 13th and 14th. Job, family and similar distractions can wait. The reason for all the urgency is the Si-Tex sponsored Arthur Smith Bluefish Tournament and its prize total of over $200,000 in cash and merchandise. The gala affair will be based at Guy Lombardo Marina in Freeport and will culminate in a Fish Fry/Award Presentation Ceremony on Saturday, September 15th. Entertainment will be provided by the Kingston Trio.

Arthur Smith Tournaments are a household word through much of the South. Probably the best known is the annual King Mackerel affair based in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. It attracts thousands of anglers from more than 30 states and Canada. This marks the first "Northern" attempt at an Arthur Smith Tourney and with such an impressive array of prizes, the turnout is likely to dwarf anything the area has seen. While the $200 entry fee (prior to Sept. 1) may appear steep as bluefish contests go, the prize list is almost overwhelming. The grand prize for largest bluefish is a Grady White Tournament 190 package which includes outboard power, trailer and a full complement of Si-Tex electronics. A similar package which includes an 18 foot Wellcraft Fisherman will be awarded for first day poundage (not to exceed five fish), while a fully outfitted 18 foot Boston Whaler Outrage will be awarded for second day poundage. Even those who don't catch a fish during the tourney will have a shot at $10,000 cash thanks to the Skoal Fishbowl Award. The winner will be drawn from participating entries at the conclusion of the awards ceremony. In addition, there will be plenty of daily prizes along with cash bonuses handed out during the two days of fishing.

Boats are required to check in to Tourney Headquarters at the start and conclusion of each day's fishing. There will be slips available in the Freeport area for boatmen coming in from other ports and trailer boatmen will be able to use any of several town, county and state ramps located nearby.

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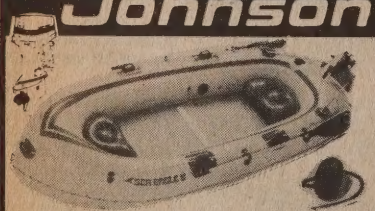

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ENVIRONMENTAL POTPOURRI

by William A. Muller

The following information was provided to LIF by Bill Miller (U.M.S./L.I.B.B.A.). Thanks to Bill for several scientific papers and articles on a variety of environmental issues of keen interest to all of us.

In one report (O'Keefe et al.), the concentrations of several toxic chemicals in Hudson River striped bass were discussed. One of these chemicals is Dioxin.

The report addressed possible sources of these toxic chemicals and the following data suggests the source as the Lower Hudson. When non-migratory carp and goldfish were tested from the upper river, concentrations of these chemicals ranged between 4 and 6 parts per thousand (ppt). However, striped bass from the lower river were reported to harbor concentrations of the same chemicals between 45 and 88 ppt.

In another study (Sloan et al.), the distribution of Dioxin, Dibenzofuran and PCBs was examined in samples of striped bass along the East Coast. Now, our best understanding of the migratory pattern of coastal striped bass stocks indicates that various stocks do not intermingle very much with the others. That is, Hudson River bass move out into the coastal ocean and then return to the Hudson, while Chesapeake fish migrate back to the Chesapeake in the fall. There is some evidence to suggest that some intermingling may occur, but most experts agree it is minimal. Thus, the data of such a survey relative to concentrations of toxic chemicals in fish from various regions might be very enlightening. The data comes from 1983 studies and we summarize the extensive tables to the following key data.

Hudson River	5.3 ppm
Rhode Island	3.75 ppm
Long Island Sound	2.74 ppm
Chesapeake	3.34 ppm

(ppm = parts per million)

Although significant contamination is found in all sampled striped bass, it is clear that the Hudson Fish tested with a much higher level, suggesting that exposure and concentration to the chemicals identified in the study are highest in the Hudson estuary.

Scientists have also sampled sunfish in the Hudson in an attempt to locate regional sources of contamination by these three chemicals. They found very low levels in the fish above Glens Falls, but more significant concentrations below Glens Falls, indicating again that the lower reaches of the river appear to be locations of chemical contamination for these chemicals.

Beach buggy access is under fire again.

Other data was recently presented by scientists concerning concentrations of heavy metals as well as the pesticide DDT and its derivatives. We have been concerned for several decades with the levels of heavy metals in sediments and fish flesh. One scientist told us, "If you'll recall, we were all running scared about 15 years ago when tests indicated significant levels of mercury in swordfish. Actually, mercury can be found in most large ocean-going fish predators since they are at the top of the food chain and concentrate traces found in the food they eat. Then about ten years ago a study was done to test heavy metal levels in some deep ocean sediments. In one core that was brought to the surface and estimated at about ten thousand years old, long before man began his industrial damage, significant levels of heavy metals were also found. Heavy metal contamination is a serious threat to the health of millions of people, but what I'm getting at is we shouldn't panic about low level occurrences that are widely found unless clear and overwhelming evidence is produced to show that such exposure is threatening."

Heavy metal and pesticide contamination studies are part of various ongoing long range surveys and other studies not only help us to identify problems, but also show whether or not our cleanup efforts are paying off. For example, since the use of DDT was curtailed, contamination in fish and wildlife has begun to fall. Hopefully, we'll soon see PCB levels in striped bass and other fish drop off, too.

In the area of beach vehicle use, opponents are still stirring the pot. It is very clear to any observer that many non-fishermen are heavy on the attack against the use of four-wheel drive vehicles on the beach. Although many of these groups and individuals are well-meaning, they have focused their attention on surf fishermen because of their visibility. In other cases, it has been suggested that private economic reasons motivate the drive to ban beach vehicle use.

One ranger we talked to, who wished not to be identified said; 'Most of the environmental activists who are against beach vehicles do not really understand either how the damage to the beach is done, or who does that damage. Sure, we get the occasional surf fisherman who breaks the rules, but that's the exception. Most surf fishermen respect the beach too much to abuse it. It's the joyriders who are responsible for the vast majority of both social problems and beach damage. They come to the beach not to fish, but to raise hell. We shouldn't paint everybody with the same brush."

One beach vehicle enthusiast we talked to said; "Enforcement is the key. If somebody breaks the rules, whether it's a joyrider or the president of this country, enforce the rules. If we do that, we'll get rid of the person

who comes to frolic and doesn't give a damn about the beach, and those of us who use the beach carefully need not be denied our rights!"

An environmentalist countered: "It isn't just the beach grass and the bird nesting areas, it's the volume of people. We tend to believe that even careful use by large numbers of people and their vehicles causes damage to the beach."

Recently, Judge Nelson was given the difficult task of assessing the Secretary of the Interior's plan for the use of the National Seashore. The judge, using a University of Massachusetts study as the basis for his conclusions made the following points.

1. No data indicates the beach has a carrying capacity for vehicular use. Even low level use induces changes. How significant these changes are is unclear.

2. Proper use of beach vehicles is not specifically damaging.

3. Beach vehicle use should be restricted to specific zones and access trails.

4. Beach vehicles should not be allowed in the salt marsh.

The judge's decision will have great impact on the use of beach vehicles on the Cape Cod National Seashore. Although the judge did make the above comments and observations, the matter is not closed and the threat to beach vehicle access continues.

Even scientists seem to be stacking up on both sides of the issue. Doctors Allen and Godfrey, who spent considerable time studying the matter, defended the National Seashore Plan for beach vehicle use as reasonable and successful. However, Drs. Teal and Leatherman argued that beach vehicles damage beaches. Their contention was criticized by Allen and Godrey because it was based on a four-hour tour of the beach.

Another ranger who was identified in the press, Irving D. Tubbs, Jr., submitted an affidavit to the judge that his observations and the park service data shows that better enforcement minimizes the number of violations by beach vehicle owners.

Finally, the judge wrote: "The Secretary's conclusions about the success of the Plan are 'founded on supportable data and methodology'."

We have been told that the Audubon Society issued an alert to its membership on June 29, 1984, urging members to write to the Superintendent of the Cape Cod National Seashore in opposition to beach vehicle use. Local surf fishermen have urged us to relay this news to you and tell you that a flood of letters has been received in Massachusetts against beach vehicle use. These same local surf fishing enthusiasts want to urge you to write letters in support of the plan and beach vehicle use in order to balance the scales that are now tilted in opposition. The address is: Superintendent Herbert Olsen, Cape Cod National Seashore, South Wellfleet, MA 02663.

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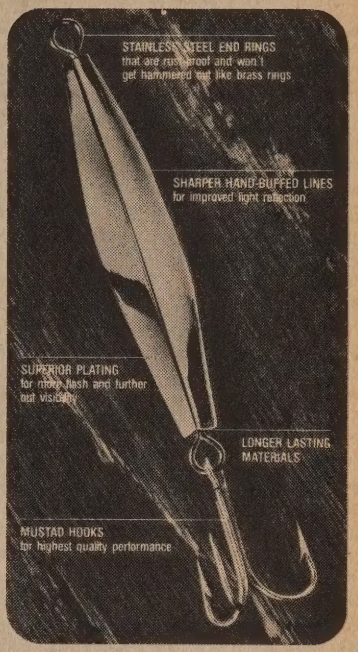
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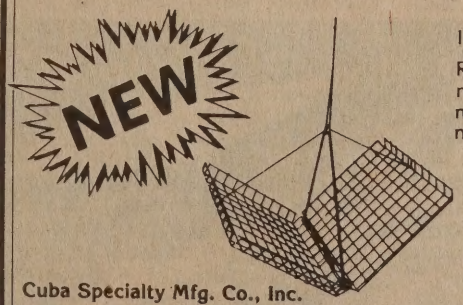

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TEST TUBE BIGEYES

by Pete Barrett

"Fish on," Eric yelled as a huge bigeye blasted the lure on the third wake. The splash as the fish hit looked like someone tossed a Volkswagen bus in the water.

Seconds later, with the boat still at trolling speed, two more bigeyes blasted the lures. "We've got three on! Shut her down, we've got three on!" Three rods were bent over double as clicks screeched and line poured off the reels. Typical of bigeyes, the runs stopped after about 150 yards of line had left the reels. Now the back-breaking work began as we hauled and fought, worked on and got beat on as we gained line on the three fish. One of the fish was lost in the mayhem as the three tuna went in separate directions. The two remaining fish were brought to the boat in rapid succession, gaffed and pulled aboard.

The bigeye tuna is a magical fish. They grow big; some get to be huge in size, and they are tough fighters. No one catches lots of bigeyes. The best of canyon fishermen still count their yearly catch of bigeyes on the fingers of two hands; some may get up to two or three dozen bigeyes.

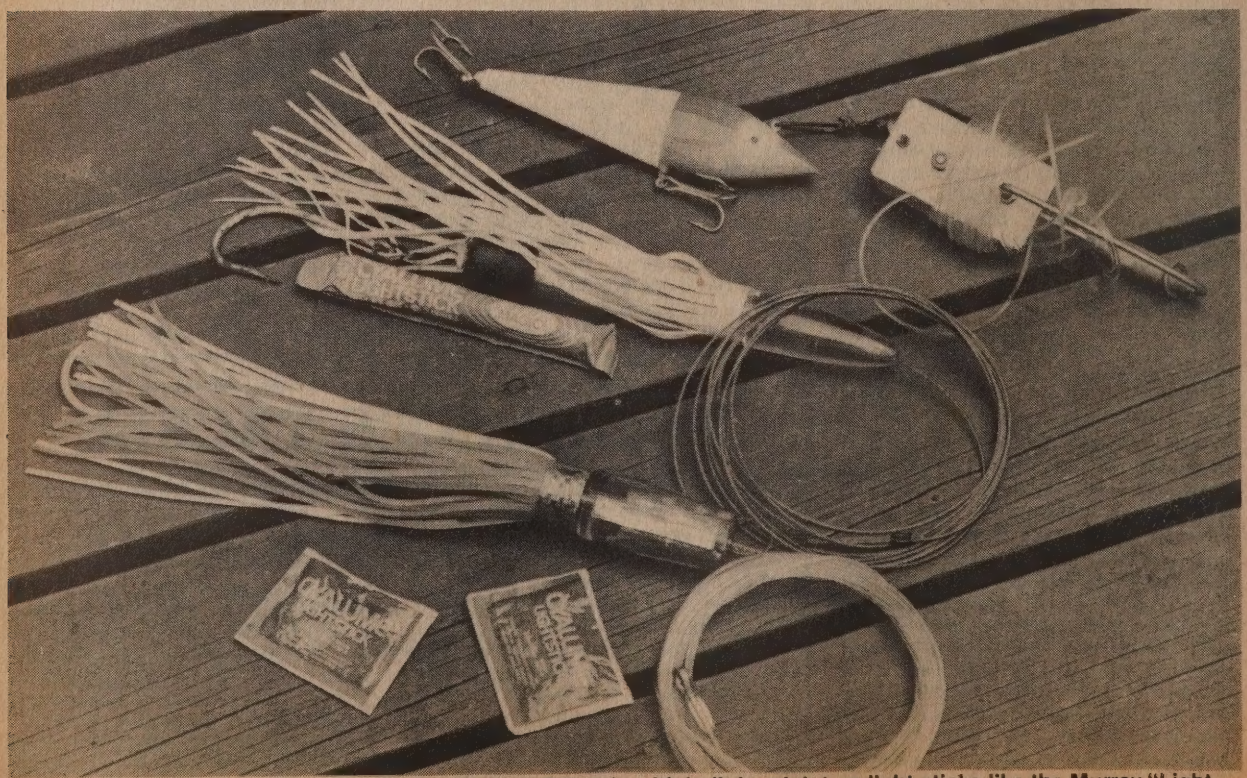
Catches of bigeyes, when compared to total catches of other tunas, run in a ratio of 10 to 1 and as high as 50 to 1 depending on what captain you might talk to. There are several reasons for this lower number of catches: fewer numbers of bigeyes, inefficient fishing methods, fishing the wrong places and long battles with hooked fish.

Many anglers who are not experienced in fighting big fish will take a long time to boat a fish. Battles of two to three hours are recalled by every canyon fisherman at the dock, yet even big fish of 200 pounds or more could be taken in a much shorter time. Most anglers wear themselves out; when they get tired, they simply hold onto the rod, keeping it bent, but gaining no line. The longer you hold onto the rod like that the more tired you will get. You have to gain line to beat the fish. The point here is that while you spend time (hours) to boat a bigeye, your buddies may be catching a bunch of yellowfins or albacore during that same time. This contributes to the lower overall catch of bigeyes.

Bigeyes seem to prefer the deep water at the edge of the canyon. If you are fishing inshore of the canyons, say at the Tower or along the 35 or 40 fathom curves, you can expect repeated catches of longfins, yellowfins and football bluefins, but rarely a bigeye. If bigeye are your target, head for the edge of the deep.

Write down the Loran numbers of each bigeye you catch and after several entries in your log you will see a definite pattern begin to emerge showing the best locations of bigeyes. My own log shows most of my hook-ups as I trolled at the top edge of the dropoff into the deep. About one-third of my bigeyes hit in the deep, two-thirds along the top edge of the bottom as it dropped off into the deep. Consistent bigeye anglers keep exact records of each and every fish and once a good location is discovered, that captain will work only that relatively small area trolling his set of lures over the same ground time after time until the action arrives.

I have a mental picture of schools of bigeyes, perhaps several dozen fish in a school cruising the edge of the deep looking for a likely meal. Every so often they move into an area, like a pack of hungry wolves and devastate



A new trend in big eye lures may be the "light bulb" style with built in miniature light sticks like the Murray "Light 'N Glow" on the bottom, the Hindy Lure in the center or with large trolling plugs like the Boone Cairns Swimmer.

everything in the area. That's when we all score good. If you wait out a known bigeye producing area, you will probably get into fish sometime during the day. On my second canyon trip this season, I worked an area that had produced over a dozen fish for me over the last few years, but unfortunately, I got bored and decided to move up a little north of my "hot-spot." I hadn't gone but two miles away when the calls came over the radio from three boats that had stayed on the spot saying they were hooked up on several bigeyes. I was impatient; I lost out on that trip. The yellowfins we caught were nice, but the bigeye would have been better.

Fishing for bigeyes at the wrong time can hold down the number of fish you get to enter in a log. More bigeyes are caught at dawn and dusk than at any other time. I've also caught them at high noon, but most of my fish have been caught from either crack of first light at 5:30AM to about 10AM and again at 5PM to dark.

Captains who specifically look for bigeyes leave the dock at midnight, run slowly to the canyon so they are fishing by early light at the edge of the deep. If you get there by 9AM after leaving the dock at dawn, you are probably arriving at the end of the bigeye action.

Perhaps the methods we use to catch bigeyes are inefficient. More than one biologist has told me that bigeyes may cruise down deeper than other tunas, only coming to the surface to blast our plastic lures when they seem convinced that the effort is worth it. If this is the case, why not troll deeper for bigeyes? If we could get the lures to run down below the surface we might catch more fish.

During the last two seasons we experimented with downriggers, planers, strings of weights and super heavy lures to go deep. The results were encouraging, but inconclusive. Downriggers worked at slow trolling speeds, so to use downriggers we could not get enough speed to make the surface lures work. We caught a bigeye and several yellowfins on the downrigger which was proof that the method could work; but at the slower trolling speeds, it limited the number of lures we could out in a pattern.

I tried swimming plugs on the downrigger with some success and some amazing failures. Even heavy duty plugs meant for jumbo striped bass with through-wire construction simply did not hold up. Tunas pulled hooks free, tore out the wires and busted swivels that held the hooks. Going back to the drawing boards, we modified some plugs with large hooks and still the same thing happened. The best plug was a Boone Cairns Swimmer. I replaced the treble hooks with single hooks on short leaders. This plug was durable and held up to several yellowfins, the largest at 127 pounds. No bigeyes yet on this lure, but I feel it is only a matter of time before we score a big fish on the Boone.

Experimentation may pay off in a nice big eye. This 189 pounder was caught by working a small area at the Hudson Canyon that had produced big eyes in past years.

Planers also worked, but will only go down about 30 to 40 feet which limits the trolling depth, unlike downriggers that will take you down over a hundred feet. I rigged the planers with the lures attached to the planer with a 20 foot leader of 300 pound mono. I used plugs and traditional skirted lures, catching two bigeyes and several other tunas with this method. Again, more experimenting is needed to make this method work better.

Let there be light! I talked to Ed Murray of Murray Brothers Tackle (the Murray clan is world famous for their tuna catches) and discovered Ed working on a new bigeye trolling lure with built-in tiny Cyalume lightsticks. He calls the lures "Lite-N-Glow" and they work. On my first try with the Lite-N-Glow it took a bigeye of nearly 200 pounds. Ed has several head designs that he will be introducing soon, all with the built-in light sticks and he feels the lures will be good catchers of bigeyes—I believe it.

Captain Chuck Hindemeyer who fishes out of Clark's Landing in Pt. Pleasant, New Jersey also has a variation of a Cyalume lure. He uses a core tube in the heart of the lure which holds the light stick. The large bullet-shaped head works good and according to Chuck, he has caught real well on bigeyes with it.

Since many of the best catches of bigeyes are made at low light times of dawn and dusk, the lighted lures may be one of the most innovative answers to catching more bigeyes. My initial catch with Ed Murray's lure is the start of what I hope is a series of bigeye catches this year.

There are many different thoughts on what makes a good surface bigeye lure. Some of the best captains use heavy lures like the chromed jet heads, while others use lighter flat-faced lures. One thing they all have in common is long streams of bubbles running behind the lure. If they aren't smoking, they aren't working right. For bigeyes, and other tunas, straight running lures are best. Avoid those lures that look super on the dealers shelf with scooped and slanted noses. They run so erratically that many fish will miss the lures, decreasing your number of hook-ups.

Bigeyes are a challenge. Their huge size and tough battle draws anglers from all over the world. The key factors in bigeye fishing revolve around working the edge of the deep and working known spots that produced fish in the past. Each trip for bigeyes gives up some new information on how to catch these fish and the experimenting with new lures and new methods adds to the fun of the day and sometimes to better catches.

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RED HOT BLUE CLAWS

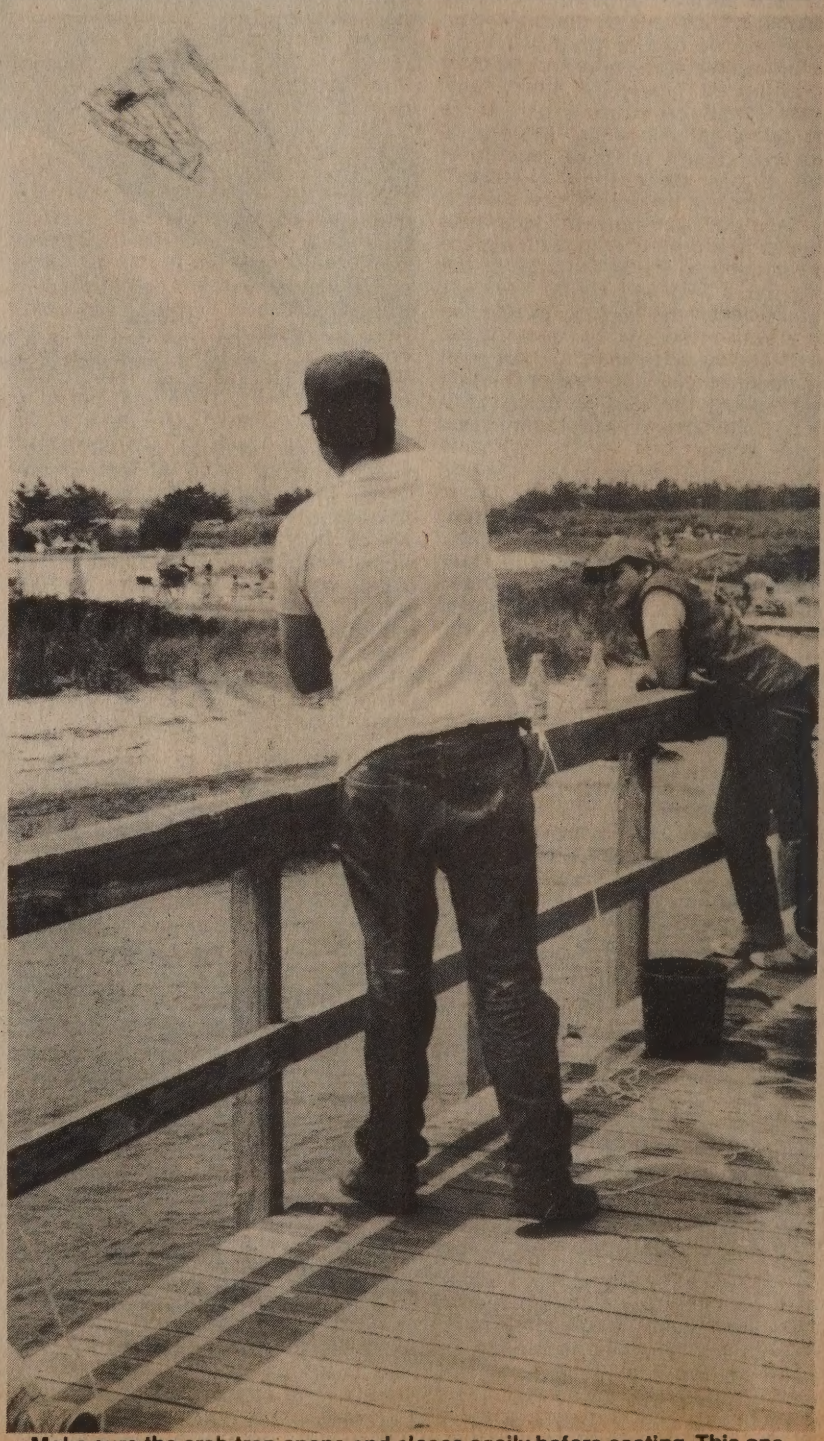
by Gerald Hahn

This popular pastime provides a low cost, fun way to some gourmet dining.

One of my most successful encounters with blue claw crabs, oddly enough, took place on a flounder fishing trip. It was an unusually warm late-November day, which is rather late for catching crustaceans. I was fishing with two friends on Moriches Bay, the the flounder apparently had decided to move elsewhere. For by noon, we had covered half the bay in our rental skiff and taken merely three flatties. Intermittently, however, one of us would hook a pesky crab and release it. Since nothing else was happening, we decided to try for the crabs in earnest. Using the bloodworms we had brought along as bait for the flounder and the flounder rigs as well, two of us fished while the third attended to the net we had fortunately stowed in the boat. We must have lost about a third of the crabs—they would spitefully let go just before the net was under them; but even, so easily filled our bucket. Crabs were all over the bay. The trick, we soon discovered, was to use the gentlest retrieve possible, no sudden jerks, and to hold the crab slightly under the water until the net could be properly positioned. Since the netter was clearly having as much fun as the fishermen, we didn't even have to take turns.

To be sure, there are less expensive and equally productive ways to catch blue claws. Find a town dock, pier, jetty, bridge or any shore spot along a south shore bay, preferably with an accessible 10 foot depth and a rich mud bottom, and you're likely to find crabs from mid-July to mid-October. The later you try, the larger will be the crabs although most people favor this pastime during the warm summer months.

A crab trap for less than $5 is one of the cheapest investments you can make. Today, the most widely used trap is constructed of rust-resistant wire mesh formed into a four-sided pyramid (with a square base). When closed, the trap measures 12x12x12 inches. Cord is tied to each of the tops of the four triangular sides which are hinged to the base. The four cords are then brought together toward the center and slipped through the upper eyelet of a connecting link, a short piece of metal. The lines are then tied to the casting line, which can be any strong rope although marine grade rope is probably the best. Another length of cord bridges the lower eyelet of the connecting link to the middle of the trap's base. It also



Make sure the crab trap opens and closes easily before casting. This one has a loose side.

secures a 10 to 12 oz. sinker here. The center link enables the triangular sides to spring open and shut, and helps stabilize the trap, both in the open and closed positions. For a trap that is lying on the bottom upside-down or sideways is of little use.

Square traps (11 inch cubes) are also available and are almost as effective as pyramid traps. They have a greater tendency to turn over, however. The principle is basically the same; only in this case the top and bottom are connected with four rods, and the cords are tied to the top centers of the four hinged sides, which are square.

Almost any kind of bait can be used and it need not be fresh either, since crabs are scavengers. A whole menhaden or sea robin scored to release its juices, or a section of mackerel, or any kind of fish head will do. Indeed, many people use chicken parts with success. Any of these baits should be firmly secured, with a piece of wire tied to it and the base of the trap.

Sufficient casting line should be attached to the trap, depending on how far you can cast and how high above sea level you are. After flinging or lowering the trap, and letting it sink to the bottom, allow some slack in the line so that the trap remains open.

There is no way to tell when a crab is in the trap, and most people wait about 10 or 15 minutes before retrieving it and checking. Of course, if crabs are scurrying along the sea floor like cars in midtown Manhattan, you may only have to wait a minute before retrieving the trap and emptying its contents. One obvious advantage to a trap is that you are free to fish for other species at the same time.

Another method of crabbing, other than the aforementioned rod and reel, is to use a crabbing rig on a handline. A crabbing rig resembles a large safety pin. Measuring 4-5/8'', it has a built-in, two ounce disk-shaped weight mounted with a loop for the casting line and a hook for locking the wire snap. After the snap is opened, various small baitfish are skewered on the wire, which is then closed. A variant of this rig, known as a killie ring, can be made for nothing. It is easily formed out of a 12 inch length of coat hanger wire or other fairly stiff wire. Slip a 2 or 3 ounce bank sinker on the wire and bring the ends of the wire together to form a circle. The sinker will now rest at the bottom center of the circle, and a loop formed in the wire at this point will keep it there. Thread some killies on the wire around each side of the sinker, and then form a small loop at each end of the wire. Hook the loops together to close the ring and tie a handline here. The killie ring is now ready to be used.

Fishing with either a crabbing rig or a killie ring requires a long-handled net, and preferably a fishing partner. For this reason, it is used mostly by skiff fishermen, although it can be effective from shore. Lower the ring gently to the bottom and wait for the faint tugs of a crab. Then raise the ring slowly while your partner readies the net. It is easier to work a killie ring near the pilings of a pier or the supports of a low bridge than from a solid embankment.

Crabs are also taken at night from the same places one tries in the day. in fact at night you can dispense with the trap, the killie ring and the bait. Bring along a net and a flashlight or a Coleman lantern. Crabs are attracted to a strong light source and will follow its movement right into the net. Submerge the net beforehand, play the Pied Piper with your light, and guide the crab over the net.

The most popular crab in the Northeast is **Callinectes sapidus**, the blue claw crab. One of the most pugnacious crustaceans in the sea, this crab is easily identified by its bright blue claw tips and the modified paddles of its rear legs. A fairly large crab, the blue averages about six inches across its wide carapace. Actually, Long Island harbors other edible crabs, and many people find them just as tasty as their blue-clawed relatives. Try a few calico or rock crabs (yellowish shell dotted with purple-brown), and you'll soon agree.

All crabs should be handled with care, and specimens bearing eggs, an orange mass on the abdomen, should be released. The blue claw crab is aggressive and when it grabs hold of your finger, it will not let go, unless it is submerged in water. Grab the crab by the rear paddle near the shell, and your fingers will remain intact. A large bucket kept in a cool place and periodically sprinkled with a little sea water will keep the crabs frisky all day (or night).

Crabbing is best performed in calm weather. The south shore bays are especially sensitive to gusty winds and storms. Water full of sediment and vegetation will send the crabs burrowing for cover, and few will be caught. So unless you want to trap a salad, wait for the water to calm down. Tides are not especially important, unless the area is so shallow that it will be drained on the outgoing tide. Indeed, slack water periods, usually dead for fishermen, are excellent for crabbers. Crabs like to scurry about at this time for edibles.

Crabbing has become so popular that all along the south shore, from Coney Island to Hampton Bays, hundreds of people can be seen trying for them. The north shore harbors, no doubt, are equally productive. This pastime must be favored all over the world, for I often see recent emigres from the Soviet Union crabbing along the jetties of Coney Island and Brighton Beach. Many people who go crabbing do not even own fishing tackle. They don't need any to catch crabs. Try steaming some in beer and sprinkling them with paprika and you'll soon see why.

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SUNKEN MEADOW: AS FALL APPROACHES

by John Fritz

This stretch of Smithtown Bay shoreline begins to produce at more civil hours once the shallows begin to cool.

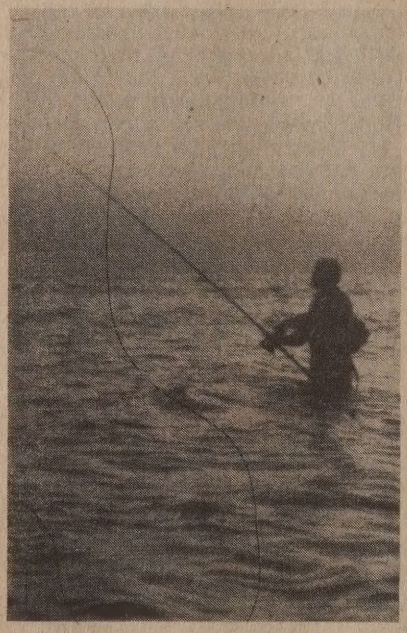
The hills overlooking the sweeping expanse of Smithtown Bay glowed a brilliant mixture of crimson and gold in the early morning sun. Along the base of these hills the dazzling rays of the rising sun were filtered through a gentle mist rising from the waters of a hidden lagoon. The serenity of the morning was shattered by the raucous cry of a startled black duck, joined in symphony with the mournful call of a mourning dove squatting under the protection of a nearby pine. Unfortunately all this beauty was wasted, for there was none to marvel at the spectacle of an autumn sunrise. No one except the lone angler, slowly trudging his way along the tree-lined path towards his car. His pace was sluggish because of several factors, not the least of which was the comfortable weight of a loaded stringer slung over his shoulder.

For many, the late night tides are difficult to cope with. Given the press of business and family, only a small percentage of anglers are abroad during the wee hours of the morning. For an angler who prefers the sense of solitude, at a time when there is little to disturb one's reverie save the distant cry of an unknown night creature or the heart-stopping reaction to a sudden strike, the shoreline of Long Island Sound is ideal. Unhappily, most of this shoreline is beyond the reach of the average citizen, but fortunately there is a place where the less fortunate can pursue his sport. Sunken Meadow State Park, located in the approximate center of Smithtown Bay, is the lone general access point for non-resident anglers from the City line to Wading River State Park. The only requirement is that fishermen have prior possession of a State-issued Night Fishing Permit.

For those who hold little interest in the night tides, the intensified activity associated with the fall migration can spark frantic action at any time of the day. Dawn and dusk are always prime times to work the water's edge, but given the right combination of wind, tide and bait, midday periods will produce as well.

The angling prospects at Sunken Meadow can be roughly divided into two categories: the area in and adjacent to the Nissequogue River and the gentle sloping shoreline located near the jetty. Naturally, the possibility exists of finding fish at any point along the beach, but these two areas receive the most attention from local surfmen.

Except for the plunging depths and shifting sand bars found at the river, the shoreline in this section of Smith-



town Bay is comprised of a gradual sloping, sandy shore. An angler working his way west, towards Calahan's, will begin to encounter a smattering of rocks. In certain areas, usually in the depression just beyond the low water mark, deposits of silt will collect. This, combined with the natural mixing of sand, clay and silt leached from the bluffs, creates a bottom which is affected by rough seas. Strong winds from a northerly quarter quickly roil the bottom sediment and retard the fishing.

During most of the season gentle breezes from the south are preferred, but during the uncertain days of autumn a moderate northerly can provide the spark for some lively action. Crisp nor'westerlies, coming at a time when sea creatures are prone to abandon their chilling environment, push the baitfish in tight to the beach where predator and surfcasters alike take mutual advantage of the situation. As stated in the previous paragraph, if the wind is of a force sufficient to agitate the bottom sediment, the inshore waters tend to become too murky usually after one period of low water. Knowing surfmen react quickly to the onset of such winds, getting their licks in before the waters become unfishable. Disappointed anglers, arriving at the beach only to find the sea has taken on the complexion of coffee, may salvage their trip by hiking down to the river mouth. Chances are, especially if it is during an ebb tide, the less disturbed river will provide an area around the outlet where it is possible to take fish.

In most instances, medium weight tackle is preferred when fishing Sunken Meadow, with many anglers slinging five inch minnow type swimmers during the dark and twilight hours. The choice during the daylight hours include such favorites as one ounce popping plugs and the Hopkins and Kastmaster tins of similar weight. These lures are fine under normal conditions, but when the wind puts a little bite to the tip of one's nose, slightly heavier tackle is called for. At such times, 11 foot rods, similar to those employed along the ocean beaches, are not uncommon.

Given the range of conditions and the variations in size of the predator species, the few lures mentioned above represent only a small fraction of the enticements used by local anglers. The night tides along the open beach, will be worked by silent surfmen using metal-lipped swimmers in sizes similar to the Junior Atom or its smaller brother, the Spin Atom and the seven inch versions of the minnow-shaped floaters. Either of these are frequently used in conjunction with a Red Gill or feathered teaser.

No lure is more likely to induce a strike during the half-light periods of dawn and dusk, than a slowly worked pencil popper. This dynamite plug, in addition to a selection of standard poppers (make sure you include a chrome finish plug), should be a part of every daytime surfman's repertoire. The other basic daytime lure is the tin. Even though a variety of metal lures will quickly add considerable

weight to the plug bag, a representative selection should be on hand. Flat tins, narrow tins, tins with bare hooks, tins with feathered hooks or tins with tubed hooks—they will all produce fish on one occasion or another. Occasionally, it is beneficial to drag the tins along the bottom; on others, a tin retrieved rapidly near the surface will interest the fish. Because of the relatively shallow conditions found along most of Sunken Meadow, block tin lures are ideal. Fashioned in the shape of all the popular models, but with only half the weight, block tin lures will not sink as rapidly, thereby enabling the angler to work the lure at a slower rate of speed with less chance of fouling the bottom. The Diamond Feather Lure Co. offers a complete line of chrome-plated and block tin lures. Ask your favorite tackle dealer for a listing.

Anglers working the swift currents of the river restrict their selection somewhat, preferring to rely heavily on minnow-type plugs, either floaters or sinkers. These plugs, used in conjunction with a teaser, account for a majority of the fish taken in the river during the hours of darkness. The standard poppers, pencil poppers and tins make up the basic array of daylight lures in the river mouth. It should be pointed out that heavier and more slender tins will be better suited to probe the depths of the river channel. Diamond Feather's J-8 or J-666 will fill this need nicely.

A relatively new plug which does not fit any specific category, has proven to be an excellent lure—either day or night. The outstanding success achieved by surfmen casting Needlefish plugs, from Cape Cod to Jersey, has its counterpart in the waters off Sunken Meadow. The smaller models of this seemingly unassuming lure continue to delight the north shore anglers who use it.

Not all effort in this area is confined to slinging artificials. Some anglers bide their time soaking chunks of bunker or mackerel, a practice which produces sizeable bluefish. Bottom fishermen tend to converge along the beach adjacent to the jetty. With the rod planted firmly in a sand spike, the drag loosened to the point where the rod will not be wrenched into the sea, chunks of cut bait are floated free of the bottom with the aid of a cork and a fish finder rig. Slightly more substantial tackle is required when bottom fishing, not only to cast the combined weight of bait and terminal gear, but the bluefish which are normally encountered, tend to run well into the teens. Ten foot, medium action rods fitted with a reel such as the Penn 704 and 15 pound test line would be adequate.

Plug casters, on the other hand, are more likely to attract striped bass, from schoolies into the teens, a higher percentage of smaller blues and weakfish averaging 5 pounds or so. A variety of fish which can be thoroughly enjoyed if the proper tackle is chosen. A 9 foot rod coupled with a reel similar to the Penn 710, which has been spooled with 10 or 12 pound test line will be capable of subduing just about any fish encountered. While this tackle is ideally suited for casting lures approximating an ounce, anglers working into a northerly wind and those using full sized poppers, swimming plugs and tin should ajust their tackle accordingly.

Surfmen plying the shores of Sunken Meadow during times of high water are confined to the water's edge and a short distance into the water. The initial incline is rather steep when the tide is at flood. When the tide nears its opposite range, it is not only possible, but imperative to wade a considerable distance off the shore. At low water almost the entire shoreline is comprised of shallow flats. At such times knowledgeable anglers can be found standing waist deep, hundreds of feet from the beach. Because of this peculiarity, those pushing seaward should exercise a measure of discretion so that any fish present in the shallows will not be alarmed. Splashing and loud noise should be avoided at all times, while at night the indiscriminate use of the neck light should be guarded against.

Down at the river mouth the situation is somewhat different. Here an angler fishing the bottom of the tide is usually found standing in the shallows of an outer sand bar. This bar can only be reached at the lower stages of the tide and because of the swift currents and sharp dropoffs common in this area, passage should only be attempted with caution. Continual alteration of the bottom formation prevents a detailed explanation of how to gain access, but in most years an angler must traverse a span of several dozen yards of deeper water which lies between the beach and the rising slope of the bar. Without unduly influencing anyone into attempting to reach the bar when conditions are less than ideal, this particular area is the favorite of the local beach fishermen.

Anglers working the outer edge of this bar are rewarded with schools of weakfish and the always obliging smaller blues in the early stages of the fall run. As the weather grows more chilly, the size of the blues tend to increase and more and more bass make their presence known. As the season passes into the finger numbing period, school bass will provide the closing session on another season.

Fortunately the Park will remain forever as a place the average person can fish and enjoy the waters of Long Island's exclusive north shore. The secrets of successful fishing on this shore can be acquired with a minimum of effort. Pay attention to the wind and tide and study the methods used by the local surfmen. There is no better time to begin obtaining this skill than when the fish put aside their natural timidity and prepare for their annual southerly migration.

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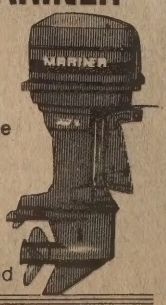

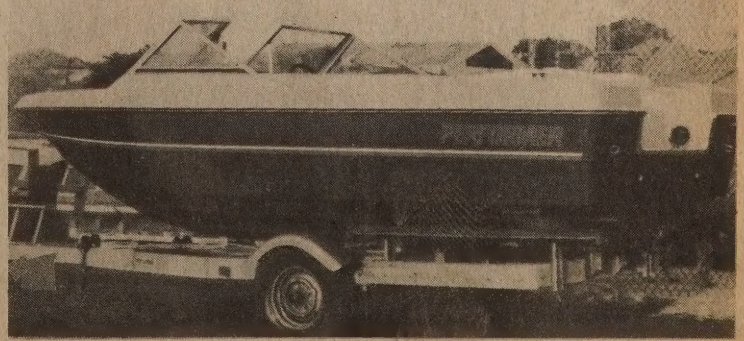

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BARGAIN FLUKING

by Brian Mulholland

These abbreviated fluke trips are perfectly suited to the schedules of many anglers. They are also easier on the budget.

Party boat angling is one of life's better pleasures, but most of us are often obliged to miss a particular outing because of the time or date on which it's scheduled. Most party boat trips are all-day affairs and there just aren't that many days you can take off from work to go fishing. You can go at night, of course, but right now night-time angling means bluefish and most of these boats don't get back to the dock before two in the morning. You might see the sun rise before you see your house again, and that can make it hard to go to work on the new day. Problems like this multiply if you try to go with someone who doesn't share your appetite for fish as well as your own work schedule.

There is a pleasant summer exception to this which too few anglers

Half-day trips are best planned to coincide with the most productive tide.

bother to exploit. Although bluefish are available only by all-day or all-night expeditions, a variety of party boats make half-day trips for fluke. Most of these are from 7:30 AM to midday and then from 1 PM to 5; there are even a couple that make trips from 4 PM into the evening.

The biggest advantage that this offers is with children or other new fishermen. Small hands are quick to tire and will not be patient for the long hours it may take to locate a school of bluefish. But most children can be entertained long enough on a fluke boat so that the wait for that first fish will not be unendurable. (Even the killie bucket is a source of endless interest if you're the right age.) The protected waters in which most fluking is done are also good insurance against mal de mer.

In this day and age, teaching a conservation ethic is as much a part of an older angler's obligations as showing them how to bait a hook. Flounder and porgies have, regrettably, no minimum size, and a great many of these fish get kept by children and adults alike that should be returned to the water. Having a specific limit for keeping fluke is as good a place to illustrate conservation to a child as any, and it comes easier when children see adults returning their undersized fluke, too.

The two-a-day fluke trips have other advantages, as well. One is expense: the majority of the boats that sail twice a day charge $15 a head and a few ("The Captain Bill" out of Point Lookout, and "The Captain Lou" from Freeport) go as low as $11 for adults and $8 or $9 for children.

Adults who are looking for convenient fishing should notice a couple of other points. First of all, it may be that a particular area's fluking is better on some specific stage of the tide. If you are able to choose which part of a day you intend to use for fishing it can't hurt to call and see where in the tide the fish are biting best. Second, don't assume that the quality of half-day fluking is necessarily inferior to that which is had on a full day excursion. Half-day trips are available all the way from Howard Beach to Montauk, where the Viking Starship sails at 8AM and 1PM, and virtually every port has a boat or two pursuing these fish on this timetable. This may change if the inshore bluefishing accelerates, so keep an eye on The Fisherman's ads to verify that they'll be there when you want them.

Two particular sailing schedules should be of special interest for anyone who wants to try for late afternoon fluke. The Casey Lee sails from Bay Shore at 4PM, as does the Captain Mike II from Howard Beach. Even if you can't get away from the job for a full day, you may still be able to get some fishing in if you can get out early. All in all, half-day trips are a great asset to the time-conscious angler and it's a pity such excursions aren't more widely available for other species as well.

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WEEDING OUT LARGEMOUTHS

by Dick Mermon

Scoring with bigmouths during the heat of summer means having a good understanding of their natural habitat.

Weed growth plays a tremendously important role in the prospect of freshwater angling. However, it takes the angler's keen eye and knowledge to distinguish which greenery is beneficial in capturing largemouth bass during seasonal changes. In other words, it is THE place where bass hide, hunt and reside.

Certain weeds grow best at various depths and establish themselves within that measure of density. Some of the more common aquatic plants found in our local waters grow along the shoreline into about 15 feet of water. This does not imply that these submerged pasture lots stop exactly at that depth. Like all vegetation, they, too, rely on sunlight; and in water, the vital factor is its clarity and penetration of the bottom.

Water lilies, with their floating miniature table top leaves are by far the most beneficial aquatic plant a lake may have, captivating life above the water's surface as well as below. It also donates shade, camouflage and slightly cooler temperatures during the heat of day. Lilies are basically shallow germinating plants, rarely extending their root system beyond the 10 foot depth. This is due to the fact they require tremendous amounts of sunlight to stimulate growth.

Occasionally, a body of water will support two distinct species of water lilies: the big Elephant Ear variety and the Silver Dollar, or small leaf plant. Certain times of the year bass will prefer the small leaf pasture to reside in and this is usually during the spring and fall. Big floating disks offer much more shade in July and August, and attract insects to the area also. Bass know this and utilize these areas quite often.

Spinnerbaits, cast directly onto lily pads and permitted to descend slightly before being retrieved become a deadly weapon. The lure can be lifted and skimmed over each disk in this stop-and-go rhythm without becoming snagged. Weedless pork frogs, spoons, floating plastic worms, or even snagless imitation floating frogs can be used with exceptional results. Strike King's new "Timber Strike" weedless spoon has become a popular lure with anglers who seek big bass from lily pads as well as the ever productive "Weed Hopper."

Usually within the lily pad area or just outside its perimeter, an aquatic weed called flexillis can be found. A slender, stalk-like plant with bristle cluster leaves on the end. There are two species of flexillis: one called nitella, which grows beneath the lily pads and the other chara, that germinates in deeper water encompassing pads. Chara's growth is massive in structure, where a bass will form tunnels through its greenery, like permanent trails from one location to another. These so-called "yellow brick roads" or migrant tunnels also allow baitfish to scoot in and out of weed cover when they retreat from a predator.

Nitella flexillis grow in a more shallow region, usually beneath lily

pads and are supported by shorter stems with an umbrella-like cover. There are no tunnels formed here, just open bottom and sparse stems. Since both flexillis plants gather in clusters, it is rather difficult to place a lure into the productive area without hanging up or gathering unwanted vegetation. Therefore, the only way to get the offering down there is to force it through, pick an opening, or swim the lure over the weed tops. A heavily weighted plastic worm, Texas style rigged will do the trick, or a weedless jig and pig should be used. These types of artificials slither through the mass to the bottom. Recently, a new design to the jig-n-pig has been brought out, called Big Al's "Weed-'Em-Out jig. It is designed to penetrate massive weeds, bounce bottom and come out either clean, or with a bass attached to it. The wire weed guard and hook design prevents hang-ups, snags or weed collection and its straight eye design pulls through the mass of greenery.

Another aquatic plant common in our lakes and ponds is Claspingleaf, or Pondweed. This growth sustains a long stem with slender curlicue leaves, but never clusters in thickness or tight groups. Bass are usually found in Pondweed during the height of bright summer days, for it grows from a depth of 6 to 12 feet of water and they use it to shade themselves.

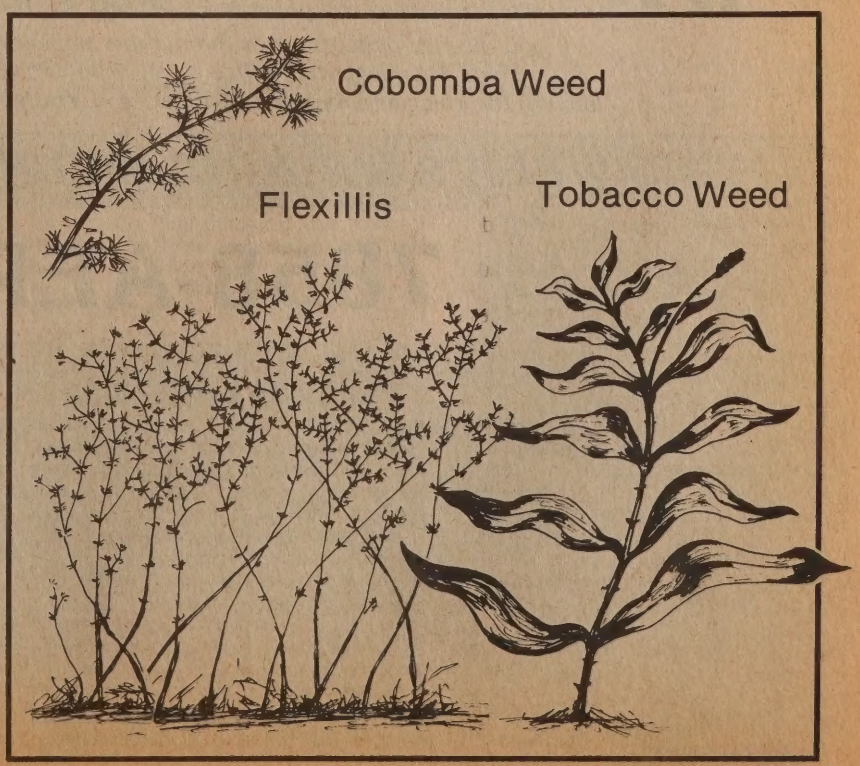
One of the more prevalent water plants that thrive in deep water and is seldom found along the shoreline is Tobacco Weed. Its leaves are long and slightly wide with a little twist, similar in shape to that of field grown tobacco, but smaller in size. In fact, a layman would have difficulty in distinguishing between the two tobacco plants in their younger state.

Tobacco Weed grows usually in conjunction or neighbors with a bushy stem plant called Cabomba and its close cousin Coontail. These are massive greenery growths that almost resemble underwater bushes, sprouting from depths of 20 feet or more in some clear lakes. These are the deep weed beds which bass feel comfortable in during daylight hours and it takes deep running lures or heavy jigs to dig 'em out. A 5/8 ounce living rubber jig and a pork chunk frog worked through this pasture lot will produce as will a 9 inch plastic worm.

Weeds are only part of a bass' underwater domain and must be of a proper balance. Too much vegetation will destroy a body of water with its decay, producing algae and acidity. Heavy deterioration consumes water oxygen, thus forming slim weed or Angel Hair, which resembles a cloud of light green fog, shrouding a weed patch beneath the surface. This lack of oxygen causes heavy fish kills and finally, a dead lake.

A thorough knowledge of weed identification can help you land more bass. If your lure doesn't occasionally pick up weed, or you never lose a big one to the "growth," you're probably not fishing where the fish are!

The author worked a big plastic worm through a heavy cover of cabomba weed to take this nice largemouth from an East End lake.



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OFFSHORE LURE STORAGE SYSTEM

by John Raguso

This systematic method for storing your offshore lures will keep things cool and tangle free when the fishing gets hot.

How many times have you reached into a tackle box or tackle locker drawer to pull out a Jap feather or Green Machine, only to be greeted with an unsightly and untimely mess of tangled hooks, lures and wires that Houdini would have a tough time unraveling? Why is it that the fish always seem to hit just when you're confronted with a ball of wires, rusted hooks and knotted lure skirts that look more like a spaghetti dinner al pesto than a neat arsenal of offshore trolling weapons?

If you've been asking yourself these questions lately, or unsuccessfully searching for the solution, this article could provide you with some ideas that can help solve this universal malady that plagues all those fanatics that take pleasure in dragging the latest acrylic contraptions in their wake.

With the proliferation of lures on the market today and with all the seminars given by lure manufacturers and local fishing clubs on their use, fishermen are collecting more plastic gizmos than ever before. The trouble is, where do you keep them dry and tangle free and ready for immediate service? While we're experiencing the benefit of state of the art technology in the production of the most recent wave of offshore lures with their life-like appearances and more affordable prices, we are still in the dark ages when it comes to their effective storage.

The introduction of plastic leader wheels a few years ago was supposed to herald the end of lure storage problems, but fell short. These wheels are constructed with sharp extruded edges to better contain the stored line, and this is their downfall. It seems that these hard edges have a nasty habit of grooving just about any medium or large acrylic or plastic/vinyl headed lure, especially when the line is wound under tension and secured by passing the hook through the wheel as an anchor. I've learned this the hard way by ruining about a dozen lures by storing them in this manner. I've actually had plastic head Green Machine-type lures take on a permanent 30 degree angled "set" that refused to respond to any type of corrective treatment and were discarded, due to this deficient storage system.

Author's inventory fits neatly inside the cooler pictured here.

My recommended method for lure storage borrows a little from the concept of the leader wheel, but take it one step further so as not to ruin your inventory of plastic and vinyl tuna tidbits. My fishing buddies and I have been incorporating this control method for three seasons now, and it has come through without a hitch, giving us one thing less to fret about when on the fishing grounds. At the heart of this lure storage system is one of those ubiquitous Igloo, or Thermos personal sized, hand-held coolers. These lightweight plastic bins are easy to open and provide durable, weatherproof and cheap storage, with the capacity to hold more gear than you ever thought possible.

To show you how this system works best, let's go back to the beginning and divide our trolling lures into two distinct categories: Offshore and Canyon. For argument's sake, let's presume that offshore lures include feathers, small clones and minnow heads, and Green Machine-type lures. These are meant for the smaller pelagic oceanic species like tunas (under 100 lbs.), white marlin, dolphin, etc., and are used primarily in the waters up to the 40 to 45 mile range. Of course, there's always the chance of taking an outsized bluefin or yellowfin tuna in these waters, but 90 percent of the fish you'd catch in this arena fall into the prescribed category. Canyon lures are meant to be used on the edges of our continental shelf for the big game species like bigeye tuna, large yellowfin tuna, bluefin tuna, blue marlin and swordfish. These include large Cloneheads, Yaps, All-Eyes, Moldcraft Hookers, Kona heads, etc. These lures are treated as a special category because they're typically larger, use heavier leader material than their offshore cousins, and oftentimes are rigged with heavy-duty double hooks.

It may seem like extra work and an additional (and unnecessary) expense to adopt this two-arena lure classification, but let me recite an experience that happened last season that convinced me that this is the optimum method. My fishing crew had hustled out to Block Canyon one early August

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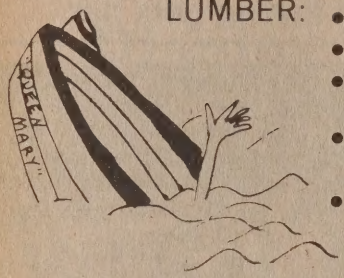

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afternoon last year to attempt to cash in on some fantastic bigeye tuna action. At that time all the lures in our inventory were one type, whether fishing inshore for white marlin, or school tuna, or the canyons for bigeye tuna action. At that time all the lures in our inventory were one type, whether fishing inshore for white marlin, or school tuna, or the canyons for bigeyes, swords or blue marlin. As such, all the lures were rigged with either single or double 9/0 stainless hooks, because 90 percent of our fish caught were under 100 lbs., plus we used small Green Machine sized lures that could only accommodate twin 9/0 hooks under their short skirts.

We hit the west wall of the Fishtail at about 5:30PM, and I was just placing the first Psychobead lure on the outrigger clip when a 250 lb. class bigeye tuna rose from the canyon depths to smash the artificial and almost took three of my fingers in the process. The 80 International did what it does best and within 30 minutes the double line was being spooled on the reel, as a large silver and blue shadow loomed directly under the boat. The leader was just coming into the reach of the wire man when the rod tip snapped up abruptly and the lure flew out of the water as if jet propelled. The single 9/0 hook had pulled free when the bigeye had ventured directly under the boat and the line angle from the rod tip to the fish was almost completely vertical. Using 20-20 hindsight, our first mistake was using a hook that was too small and incapable of effectively securing itself around the massive jawbone of the tuna. Secondly, the fish should not have been permitted to remain directly under the boat with such a severe line angle. A quick shot with forward gear would have pushed the boat away and created a more benign angle of line between angler and fish. However, the message was clear: use big lures and big hooks for big fish, hence, the separate canyon category of lure inventory.

Our inshore lure selection now consists of hooks up to 9/0 size, whereas with our canyon lures, the hooks start at 10/0 and go up to 12/0 depending on the size of lure used. In retrospect, a half-dozen canyon type lures would carry a price tag of about $100 to $125, depending if you rig them yourself or buy them pre-rigged. Go for the two lure categories to better match the lure and hook size to the species sought. It'll pay for itself with the first large tuna you catch.

As I mentioned earlier, the lure storage system we incorporate does borrow some from the leader wheel concept. We only use the small sized wheels that are 4½ inches in diameter, and only for metal head Jap feathers or small plastic heads that can fit in-between the raised edges of the spool without damage. In addition, the small wheels are ideal since they take up less space than their larger 6¾ inch cousins, and are a perfect match to hold six to eight feet

of 100 to 150 pound mono leader plus the lure. Depending on the cooler size you select, you can fit 12 to 16 of these wheels side by side, positioned on a small wooden or fiberglass dowel to facilitate a neat arrangement. This would fit directly on top of the larger offshore lures which are stored directly underneath in individual plastic bags. These would include the Psychobeads, Green Machines, Junior Hookers, small Yaps and All-Eyes that are currently the rage with the offshore crowd. The storage bags for these are the 7''x8'' variety found in most supermarkets. Be sure to get the heavy duty versions with Zip-Lock fasteners to keep out water or moisture. A box of 50 bags costs less than $3 and each lure you keep in storage might use a maximum of two or three bags in a season under extreme use. Be sure to use stainless steel hooks on your lures, as they will weather the constant saltwater immersion more successfully than their tinned counterparts.

Some other items that you might consider keeping in your offshore lure storage box are wire cutters, pliers, an ice pick, extra outrigger clips, an extra spool of mono leader, bungee cords and glass eyes for securing the outrigger lines to the boat, etc. You can let your imagination run wild, depending on the size of the box you choose and how many lures you try to stuff inside. The Igloo 9 qt. and Thermos double six-pack coolers are ideal for the storage of offshore arena lures.

For canyon lure storage you can use the larger Igloo 17 qt. or 22 qt. portable cooler sizes, since the lures are physically bigger and you might want to throw in a few teasers, harness, or fighting belts as well. You'll also want to graduate to the 11½''x12'' Zip-Lock bags to accommodate the larger lure size.

The costs for these cooler/storage boxes range from about $10 to $25 depending on which one you select, if it was on sale, and the store where you purchased it. Get into the habit of cleaning and storing your lures neatly after each use. This will ensure their immediate availability for the next trip when the fish go into a feeding frenzy and you're all thumbs going through your lure box searching for the right combination. As a point of caution, watch out when you stick your hand into the bottom of the storage box to remove a buried lure. Occasionally the hook points will protrude through the bags and cause a nasty pinch, so a word to the wise.

In retrospect, there may be a superior lure storage system out there, but I'd like to know about it. This system I've recommended will keep your lure inventory neat, orderly, dry and in perfect position for a quick change of baits if situations demand it. Your tackle will always be ready when you need it and you'll have one less problem to worry about when fish-induced chaos reigns in the cockpit.

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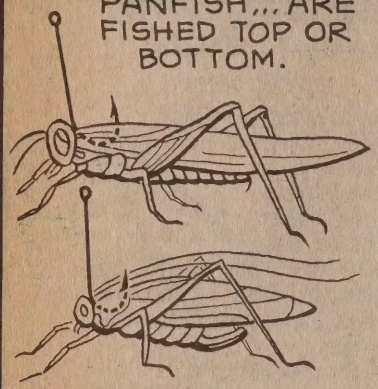

DRAGONFLY WITH HOOK THROUGH COLLAR BETWEEN WINGS.

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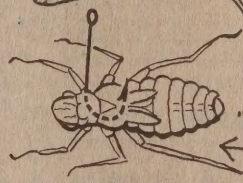

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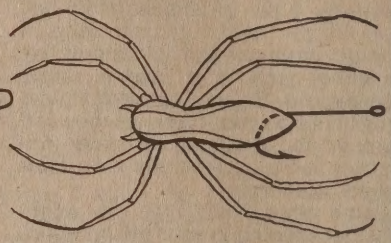

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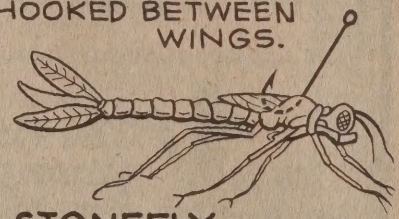

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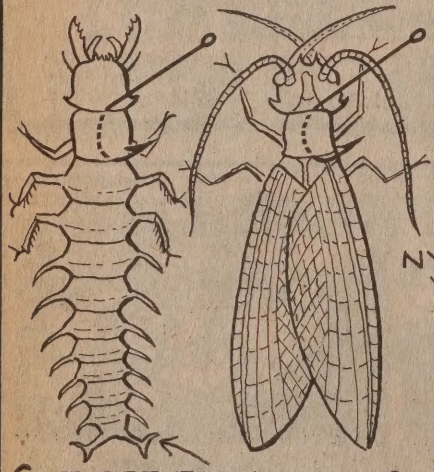

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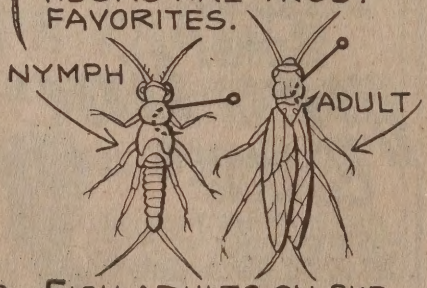

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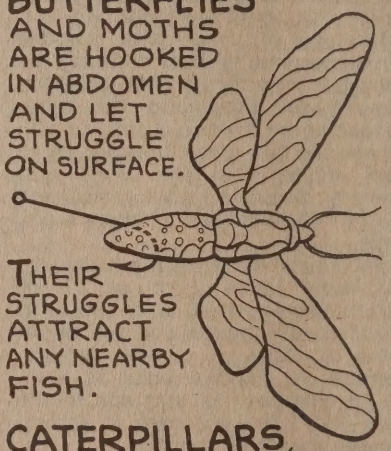

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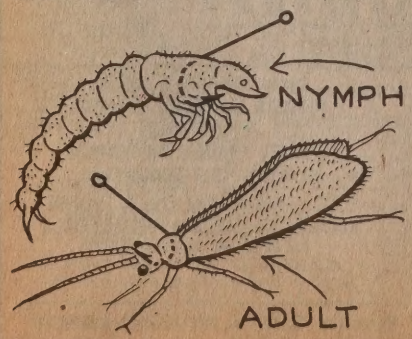

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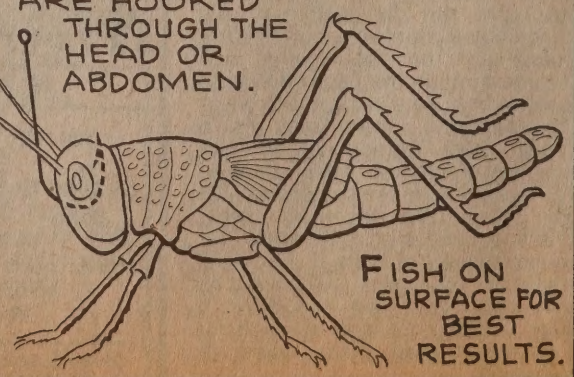

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

This week was a case of "you should have been here yesterday." Those who were here "yesterday" found tuna in a feeding frenzy south of Montauk from schoolies to a giant over 900 lbs.! Bluefish remain solid day and night south of Block Island, with more reliable catches at Cartwright. Small blues in all bays. Fluke picked up in the Peconics and Montauk over the weekend and remain steady at Shinnecock and Gardiner's. Weaks have come into Noyac Bay and Little Peconics. Porgies are difficult to find. Snappers are all over.

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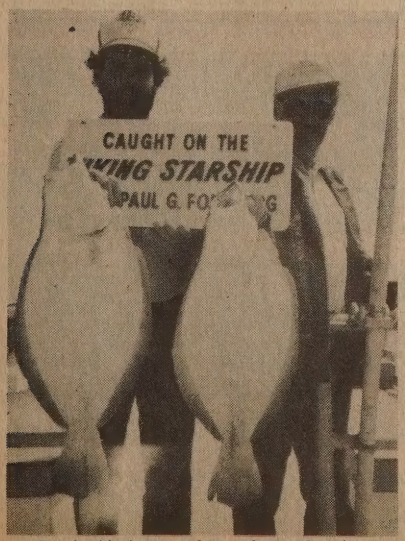
Captains Dusty and Fred of the **Little Bear** and **Flying Cloud** remarked that Gardiner's continues to afford continous porgy action with definite signs of bigger fish moving in everyday. Best action is obtained by drifting clam bait along the bottom. Guaranteed side catches of fluke, blackfish and sea bass are made daily.

Rental boats from **Uihlein's** have found fluke heaven in water as shallow as 8 to 10 feet drifting between Shagwong and False Point or east of the gill nets. On a two day trip renting one of Henry's 24 ft. Prolines, Andy Lugris, Lynn Grosjean and two friends from Whitestone, talled up 38 keeper fluke plus 15 sea bass. The group noted that squid worked best on the sea bass fishing Shagwong reef, while spearing and live snappers did best on fluke. On Sunday, Bill Wiedeneyer and Jeff Drager put 20 fluke into their rented 16 foot skiff, using squid and sand eel combo. Henry Uilhein remarked on the amount of snappers everywhere, providing fun, food (and bait for fluke).



A half-day trip aboard the "Viking Starship" saw C. Livoti take this 8.2 lb. doormat and Chris Kumpf follow up with a 7.6 pounder.

Captain Betty Forsberg called **Starlite** Nomans Land porgy trips "fantastic" with 60 percen of the catch in the large or jumbo range. High hook is generally 75 to 125 fish. However, the pool fish each day usually is a blackfish in the 8 to 12 lb. range. Coxes Ledge is the site of unbelievable codfishing on the **Star**, with high hook usually 15 to 25 fish and the pool winner always over 30 lbs. On Wednesday Bob Kessler of Rockland, NY was high with 29 cod. Fluking although slow, is accounting for all keepers with the pool fish usually 5 to 8 lbs. On Thursday, Joe Marco of Montauk accounted for two doormats: 8 lb. 2 oz., and 6 lb. 10 oz. on the **Starship's** afternoon trip. Night bluefishing is tremendous, with the action south of Block Island. The fish are running in the 12 to 18 lb range; high hook usually 20 to 25 fish.

Captain Richie Rade described fluking as fair on the **Marlin IV** but showing signs of picking up on the downside of the moon. Night blues are RED HOT at Block Island with 20 to 35 fish per man. Fish range in size from 12 to 15 lbs. Captain Rade credits his new captin on the **Marlin IV** with doing a number on finding blues. Captain Julie Campbell has been operating the boat for the past 2½ weeks. Look her up!

Captains Cove Marina has scheduled its annual open tuna tournament for Sept. 1st and 2nd. Call the marina for applications and information. Entry fee in this two day tournament is $200. Captain Joe McBride stated that sharking broke open last weekend. A seven foot 188 lb. brown shark was taken on the **My Mate** which according to shark expert Jack Casey, is probably a record for the area (unfortunately, the IGFA does not record brown sharks, sand bar sharks). The shark, with its 12 pups was taken for a shark study. A tagged blue shark was caught on July 23rd off the Coast of Spain (Cadiz). The fish originally was tagged on June 11, 1983 and was estimated to have travelled 2,990 miles in 407 days since being tagged on the My Mate.

The heaviest giant tuna so far brought into Montauk this year was taken Friday on the **Dawn**, captained by Greg Beacher. The 938 lb. fish was caught on a Penn 130 reel, spooled with Ande line after a 40 minute battle with Mark Derish of Manhattan on the rod, Leigh Schroeder on the gaff.

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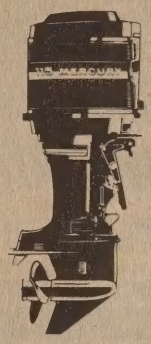

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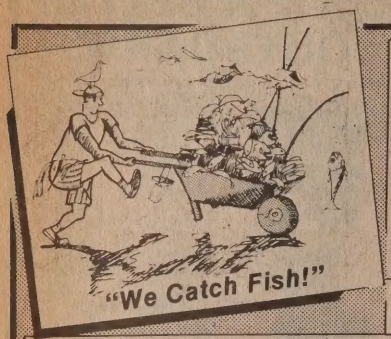

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On Saturday, a charter led by Sal Iasilli of E. Norwich trolled mackerel daisy chains, resulting in a 60 lb. yellowfin, 2 bluefin tuna plus a 60 lb. white marlin on the **Ebb Tide**. The next day, Gary Axelrod and his group caught two bluefin to 115 lbs.

Captain Harry Dawkins floated butterfish for a good catch of 10 to 18 lb. blues in inner Cartwright. On Sunday, the **Frances Anne II** loaded up with fluke for a charter led by Bob McMannis of Huntington. Forty fluke were caught in two hours, fishing north of Shagwong. Captain Dawkins reported that mackerel strips seemed to take the most fluke; the fish were in the 4 to 10 lb. range.

On Monday, Bill Wilson and his group enjoyed a treat on the **Joy Sea.** Besides catching 9 longfin albacore to 50 lbs. in weight, the group boated 23 dolphin (6 to 7 lbs. each) casting bait and jigs under a floating plank using 6 lb. test line and light tackle. On Friday, Bob Lobaito of Staten island landed 9 bluefin and yellowfin weighing between 100 and 165 lbs. on light tackle. Captain Mallinson felt that the slowdown in tuna over the weekend was due to very heavy boat traffic, as well as strong east winds.

Captain Ron Grandinetti counted 625 porgies to 3 lbs., 4 blackfish and a fluke on the **Julie III** on Saturday, with Arthur Morris and his friends. On Sunday, winds made for harder fishing, however, Joe Morgan and his friends from Brooklyn went home with 316 porgies. All fishing was done around Gardiner's Island.

Capt. Wayne reports good bluefish day and night south of Block Island. Friday and Saturday the **King Wayne** caught a total of 11 tuna from 80 to 225 lbs. (yellowfin and bluefin), however the best tuna catch was made on Sunday when Yeo Yu and his family from Queens participated in landing a 687 lb. giant tuna.

Capt. Steve Mauss fished Outer Shagwong early in the week for fluke to 8 lbs. along with some green bonita

Steve Patterson whipped this 540 lb. giant bluefin aboard the Montauk charter boat, "King Wayne." It was taken southeast of Block Island.

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Capt. Jay Rigano [**Lori-Jay**] fished on the TeePee with Charlie and David Beneway, Bob Cortin, and Tom Carroll of B & L Plumbing Co. of Pelham, NY on Saturday for tuna. Things were admittedly pretty slow until mid afternoon (3 pm) when the tuna went on a feedy frenzy. The group hooked and fought 15 fish on light tackle and boated a 124 lb. bluefin plus a 105 lb. yellowfin.

Itried tuna fishing on the **Mako Express** both on Tuesday and Friday with Capt. Zac Grossman. On the first trip, Pat O'Connor, John LaRuso, and I boated a 41 lb. longfin albacore plus three school yellowfins trolling lures. On Friday, trolling raised several marlin which would not take a hook, plus one giant tuna which enjoyed a free mackerel meal. We decided to forget tuna and fish for shark instead--the result of the trip was a bluefin tuna of 133½ lbs., plus a yellowfin of 110 lbs. in addition to three other tuna which were not boated (they got away). Fishing with me on the **Mako Express**: Yvonne and Richie buckley of Copaigue, Pat O Connor of Putnam County and George Rogers of Selden.

Capt. Fritz Hubner is doing very well with medium size tuna with chunking bait. Fish have averaged to 150 lbs., three to four a day, fishing the west side of the Hole on the **Mistress Too**.

Capt. Mike Albronde says that school tuna fishing has picked up with fish to 175 lbs. trolled and chunked south of the Point. On Thursday, Bruce Burgess of Long Island landed two fish, both bluefin 150 lbs. and 180 lbs. on the **Montauk**. Friday's trip, a shark trip, resulted in three brown sharks plus one 195 lb. bluefin which took a shark bait. Saturday John Golden went home to New Jersey with two tuna, top weight 110 lbs. Sunday two longfin albacore were caught. Capt. Mike feels that sharkfishing is improving since he has seen upwards of nine brown sharks per day.

Capt. Joe McBride has been averaging 35 bluefish in the 10-12 lb. range on his half day trips to southwest ledge. On Saturday, John DeSio and friends of Brooklyn, and on Sunday Charlie Krokel and his wife, Lorraine trolled all the blues they wanted. On Friday, Willie Walch caught an albacore along with a brown shark on the **My Mate**. Capt. McBride has a couple of Sunday's open for charter this month. Call him for details.

Capt. Ed Baldrian fished the Southwest Ledge and the Sub Buoy for Jacques Lilly of Stanford, Ct. on a half day charter on Saturday. Besides trolling 22 blues from 5-10 lbs., a couple of false albacore in the 5 lb. range were taken on the **Three Star II**. Capt. Ed remarked that porgy action seemed a little slow, but hopefully will pick up now on the downside of the moon. Capt. Ed has a few charter

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A talk with Capt. Paul Stern revealed that the **Tuna Tangler** has taken 21 giant tuna weighing 310 to 676 lbs. since the tuna arrived, in addition to eight "Mini-giants" to 245 lbs. Paul also caught, tagged and released a blue marlin estimated to weigh 150 lbs. Canadian born Dawn Doster has been the angler for eight of the giants, including the 673 pounder. Dawn has apparently exhibited a natural ability to fish, since she only started fishing in May and can handle a tuna rod with the best of them now.

Capt. Jack Passie has been into tuna regularly on the **Windy**. On Monday Ed Tracey of Woodside and his group boated five albacore to 50 lbs. Five white marlin were hooked, but "got away". Capt. Passie remarked that there seems to be much more marlin around this year than in previous years, according to sightings. On the weekend, three yellowfin tuna to 87 lbs. plus a 48 lb. white marlin that didn't get away were taken by Richard Bokinz of Jamesport. Al Lopez of Elizabeth, NJ fought and lost one tuna but boated an albacore. Hector boated two yellowfin to 60 lbs. Tuna are in as close as 12 miles from the point.

Capt. Phil Lewis boated 6 bluefin tuna to 225 lbs. on the **Adios** early in the week with Fred Throo and Ernie Schults. On Wednesday Ed Schrag was on the rod when the tuna being gaffed was attacked by a mako shark, estimated to weigh 500 lbs. Quick work by the mate, Skip, saved all but the tail of the tuna. Naturally, the group switched to shark fishing using tuna fillets. A white shark circled the boat for about an hour before it decided it wasn't hungry. No estimate given on the weight of the shark, except that ONLY two feet of the dorsal fin was seen. On Sunday, Kevin Talt and his group caught a white marlin along with five bluefins to 150 lbs.

During the week, Silvano T. Vales fished with his friend Jason Colby on the private boat, "Murphy's Law". A 7 lb. 5 oz. sea bass was taken fishing the Pocketbook.

Lorraine Cerame landed this potential world record striped bass while fishing for porgies at Montauk's Great Eastern Rock. The 47½ lb. fish is being submitted in the women's 16 lb. line class division. Photo courtesy of Montauk Marine Basin.

SOUTH FORK

Robert Aimes, Jerry Thomos, and Joe Henry returned from **Bayview Marine and Tackle** to Queens Village with over 300 porgies. The trio fished at the red spindel at the Sag Harbor Breakwaters according to Chris Salb. Chris remarked about the nice fluke caught between Barcelona Neck and the black spindel, with four out of five being kept this week. Best results are on a moving current. There are plenty of bluefish at Cherry Harbor and Crow Shoals. Summer weakfish have moved into Noyack Bay near the Monastery, most fish are in the 3-4 pound range. Chris is excited over the amount and quality of the blue claw crabs in the area. Snappers are all over!

A group from the Lady Reelers Fishing Club enjoyed a fluke trip on the **Wilhelric** on Monday. Fluking remains good at Gardiner's Island according to Capt. Artie Lach, although the weekend's weather included an easterly breeze. The pool fish is generally in the 6 lb. range, with catches averaging 6-10 keepers/angler. On porgies, Capt. Lach said that they are RED HOT--ALL YOU WANT! The **Wilhelric** is booking a special fluke trip for serious fluke fishermen. Reservations are required for this trip which is scheduled for 5 am, Sunday, August 26th. Call for further information.

Helen Jacobsen of **Noyac Marina** fished an outgoing tide, off the Monastery for 11 school summer weakfish. Squid on a high-low rig did the trick. The Tu family made one last porgy trip before the start of school, returning with 200 fish. Peter and Judy Schiano temaed with Ken Smith and Joanne Savino, fishing on either the Gigalo or Pete's Angels for a week long fluke marathon. The group caught at least 10 keepers per day along with many weakfish to 5 pounds. Best fishing was done at buoys 14 and 15. A tournament, open to rental boats at Noyac Marina will begin on September 1st, and last through the month. Prizes will be awarded for the largest of each species cuaght during this time (fluke, porgies, blues, weaks, etc). Call Helen at Noyac Marina for details.

Thom Speckenback of **Speck's Bait and Tackle** confirmed the good selection of weaks that came into the Peconics this week. Thom suggests trying Roses Grove as well as Towd Point for these 2-3 pound fish. Todd Sabbagh and Glenn Johnson used a hi-low rig meant for weakfish off Roses Grove and returned with 6 fluke, in the 16-18 inch range. Thom reports that fluke at Gardners remain steady. Snappers are everywhere. Porgies have been moving around a lot and are hard to find, however, a decent catch (a couple of buckets) was made at Lion's Head this week—medium size fish.

The open boat **Jenny Rose** enjoyed a very good weekend. On Saturday, wreck fishing was described as fantastic! Six hundred sea bass with a few blackfish and triggerfish were boated. "Wiley" Willie of Riverhead and his niece Chrissy Lynch of Manhattan teamed up for 57 sea bass which averaged 1-3 pounds. On Sunday, a group of 10 anglers fished the Peconic Bays returning with 25 weaks to 2¼ pounds, kingfish, butterfish and several small blackfish. The Primrose Brothers—Bob and Gary won the pool with a 2½ pound fluke, besides catching 8 weakfish and 38 porgies. Capt. Malone reports that fluke are consistently good, with over four keepers per person. Capt. Malone asked me to inform you that all tickets on the Jenny Rose are sold out on Sunday, August 19th and Wednesday, August 22nd.

Capt. Fred Wedley continues to put a dent in the shark population out of Shinnecock. Steve Devine of Selden sharked for the first time this week, capturing a 140 pound mako on the **Sea Mist**. The Sea Mist fished in 150' of water out of Shinnecock and was approached by 3 makos, one of which took the bait. Capt. Fred reports bluefishing a little slow. He further states that white marlin are as close in as 120 feet of water with school tuna seen in 50-160 feet of water south of Shinnecock.

On Monday, Mr. Condia fluked near buoy 8 (near the Shinnecock Coast Guard Station) and returned with a fluke of 12 pounds, 8 ounces. Jay Kowalski of **Corr's Fishing Station** remarked that fishing in general was on the slow side this week because of the wind and the outgoing tide. However, most fishermen managed 6-8 keeper fluke per trip. This week the tide will be right, hopefully the winds down and the catches up! Jay suggested using squid/spearing combo for fluke on a moving tide, switching to a small bucktail (yellow 3/8 to ½ ounce) laced with squid in slack water. Medford resident Jack Petrick tried this method for fluke in the inlet, returning with a 16 pound weakfish. Research indicated that this weakfish ties the world record (IGFA) in the 12 pound line class. Small blues are all over Shinnecock Bay, along with small bass (25 to 26 inches) at the west bar. Offshore, Al Ronner who berths his boat Silver Fox, at Corr's Fishing Station fished two days, tallying up 6 dusky sharks, and a 300 pound tiger shark Monday and an 30 pound bluefin tuna Wednesday. Jim Squires took the Galloping Ghost to a spot 24 miles south of Amagansett for his 185 pound brown shark, and a 300 pound tiger shark. Richie Kristiansen placed second in the Three Aces Shark Tournment with a 99 pound mako caugh on his boat High C's.

Mickey Altenkirch remarked on the number of snappers in the Canal but lamented on the shortage of traditional snapper bait. Small, thin strips of squid work very well on snappers and are much more durable than shiners. Try it, you'll like it! **Altenkirch and Son** reports white marlin offshore as close as 120 feet of water with yellowfin and bluefin tuna just a little further. Fluke and flounder are good in Shinnecock Bay (although most

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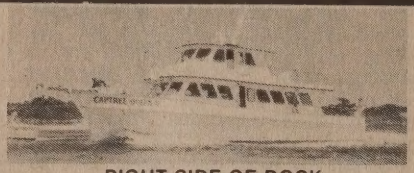
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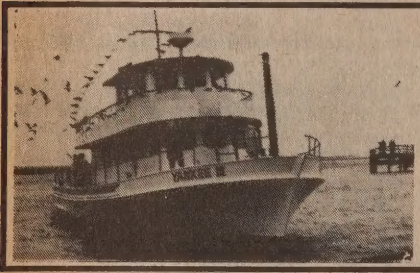

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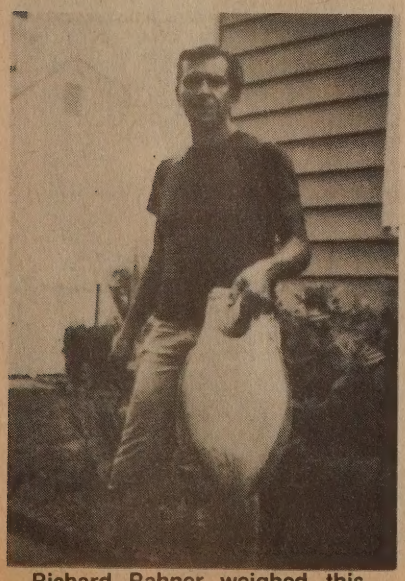
South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

While it may be of little consolation to those who fished in Sunday's easterly winds, the overall picture for this area was a bright one through much of the week. Fluking continued to uphold its grip on the inshore scene but bluefish have pleased many boatmen just a short ride from both inlets.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Very good fluking being found in the Old and New Cuts and from buoy 29 all the way to buoy 39 according to Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**. While Sunday's fishing was off somewhat due to the easterly wind and low angler turnout several boats on Saturday returned to the station with as many as 40 keepers. Fifteen to twenty keepers per boat has been more the average with the keeper ratio falling into the 1 out of 3 range. Spearing or sandeel and squid combos working best three hours before and after the high water turn. Flounder are still available south of buoy 34 but more



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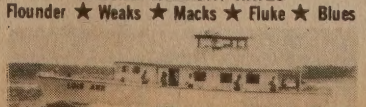

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significant was the catch of 2 dozen blowfish by one angler north of buoy 36. He was using worms in search of flounder. Snappers and crabs are in all the coves.

Over at **Hi-Way Fishing Station**, Helen told of plenty of fluke but lots of shorts. They have been sending most of their boats to buoy 34 and 35. Some nice fish are mixing into the catches with fish up to 4 pounds checked in this week. Flounder being taken at buoys 32 and 35 and crabs seem to be in good supply. One boat kept 35 out of 70 using traps and lines out in front of the Station on Saturday. Weather kept activity over the weekend down, particularly on Sunday.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

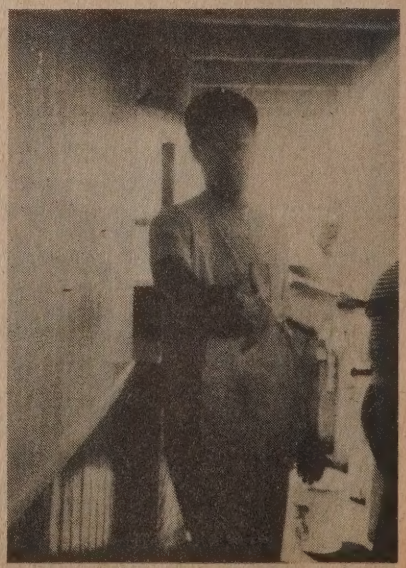
Fluke fishing in great shape according to Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**. Paul told of Justin and Jeff Ryzicker, 9 and 12 years old respectively, who guided by their dad put 30 fluke to 4 pounds into the family boat on Friday. Fishing was done near Ocean Beach. Good fluking has been the rule from the Lighthouse all the way to the Inlet as well. Small weaks from 1-3 pounds being taken at buoy 30 off Sayville as well as near Ocean Beach. Deadly combo has been a ½ ounce diamond jig with a fixed hook and a nightcrawler. Big blues being trolled regularly from the mouth of Moriches Inlet to 1½ miles out on wire line and umbrella rigs or single tubes. Snapper fishing reaching its peak and crabs finally appear to have settled in. Still fluke being taken from Patchogue Docks though most are undersided. On the freshwater scene, still lots of bass and pickerel being taken from local lakes this week. Black Jellyworms have proven to be a hot number.

Al Colban of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** said that snappers continue to please lots of youngsters at all the docks in the area. Eight year old Lucy Briglia kept 10 of the baby blues at Islip Town Dock while 5 year old Tracy and 3 year old Patricia Reid counted 46 snappers made at West Sayville Dock. Fluke fishing is in great shape although many small fish make up the action. Some nice fish are mixed in too though. On Saturday, Lauren Malthey checked in a catch of 14 fluke and 1 weak made in West Channel. Plenty of fluke also at the Lighthouse, the Bridge and the Inlet. Lots of small weakfish at Ocean Beach and inside the bay off of Sayville and Heckscher. Use squid strips or sandworms for these 1-4 pound class fish. Some nice porgies in the bay as well. They are at buoy 13, Ocean Beach and near the WR Buoy. On Friday, Chip Libertino had a 3.11 pounder among his catch which was made on bunker chum and skimmer clam baits. Some nice king fish to 1½ pounds in Dickerson Channel and small blues roaming the bay and inlet. 007 jig and tube combos working best on the blues. Excellent snapper fishing, good crabbing and a surprising number of fluke at the Bay Shore Marina Docks according to several customers. For freshwater fans, Mike Denticl had a 4 pound largemouth out of Byron Park on a live frog. Also good action with 10-11" trout in Bubbles and Rattles over the weekend.

Some offshore news was passed along from Lisa Cioffi of **Peppy's Tackle** in **East Islip**. Bob Graffagnino checked in a catch of 7 longfin albacore to 66 pounds on Wednesday. Inside the bay, fluking remains far and away the best bet with lots of fish being taken from the Lighthouse to the Inlet on killie and squid combos. Small weaks are taking sandworms and squid strips off of Heckscher and Sayville. Small blues are in and out of the inlet.

Linda Miller at **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** said that boatmen enjoyed very good fluking at the inlet this week. Best of the action is often on the flood but first of the ebb has been good as well. Use spearing or sandeel and squid combos. Blues from 1½ to 3 pounds spread from Light to the Inlet on umbrellas or 007 jigs. Good action with blues from 3 to 10 pounds on the outside off of Cherry Grove and the Lighthouse. Bay Shore Marina has been producing lots of porgies on sandworms along with plenty of snappers. Also a decent showing of fluke here. Town of Islip Snapper Derby held on Saturday was a huge success with Richie Miller walking away with top honors. Offshore, good numbers of marlin spotted as close as 60 feet and caught as close as 100 feet. Yellowfin tuna SE of the inlet in 110' of water and at the Compass Rose. Yellowfins, true albacore and an occasional bigeye taken at the west wall of the Canyon this week.

Captree boats are currently enjoying one of their best Augusts for fluke in many a year. While many undersized fish account for a good portion of



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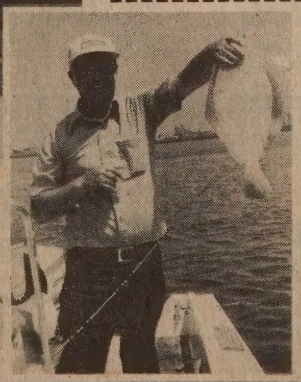

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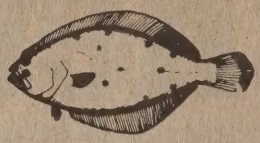

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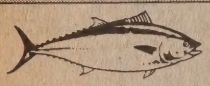

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the action, there are still plenty of decent sized fish left in the buckets at days end. To further spice the fishing there was an influx of fluke in the 4-7 pound range this past week. For a better shot at these larger fish and to discourage the shorts, it might be a good idea to fish live snappers or larger baits such as smelt.

Excellent fluking on both the AM and the afternoon trips according to Gordon Roman of the **Captree** open boat **Captree Queen**. Depending on wind and tide conditions, fishing is being done from West Channel to the Inlet. Six to ten keepers per man is the rule but small fish are providing loads of action between the bigger fish. Gordon noted a showing of bigger fish this week and the obvious addition of another body of fish moving into the bay. Night bluefishing was excellent all week with Saturday the only bad night of the lot. Fishing bounced right back on Sunday however despite lumpy seas and an east wind. Most of the fishing is being done on the Patchogue Grounds or inshore of there. Fish range from 8 to 16 pounds with a sprinkling of smaller fish some nights.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Captree Captain Joseph II** described the general fluke picture as excellent although he noted that Sunday's east wind had the fishing off a bit. Any normal August he would have been pleased with Sunday's results but the fishing did not match up to the action enjoyed the rest of the week. Lots of shorts are providing constant action but some quality fish are now mixed in as well. Also depending on the area, the keeper ratio can vary from 1:1 to 1:5. Some of the better catches this week included an 8 pound blackfish which grabbed a fluke bait fished by a Mrs. Hines. Her husband, Stan, bounced right back with a 6.9 pound fluke. Both were taken on Thursday. On Friday, 9 year old Michael McCusker caught an 8½ pound fluke. Bluefishing has been solid with good action every night except for Saturday. Fishing was being done from the Fire Island Reef out to the Patchogue Grounds with fish averaging 5-10 pounds. A few jumbos are mixed in each night. A seventeen pounder took Friday's pool while on Saturday, Anthony Meachini copped the pool with a slammer of 19 pounds, 1 ounce.

Capt. Richie Abrams of the **Captree** based **Capt. Whittaker** painted a very good picture for fluking. Sunday, under tough wind and tide conditions he still counted 200 keepers on the morning trip. Fishing was excellent through the rest of the week. Richie was particularly enthused with the showing of bigger fish on the dock this week. He noted a number of flatties in the 5-8 pound range taken by the fleet and aboard private boats as well.

Capt. Carl Passaro of the new **Miss Captree** echoed the sentiments of other skippers in reporting good action on both morning and afternoon

trips. He noted the weekend was somewhat of an exception due to tough east winds but fares still managed a decent pick of fish. On Saturday, Jim Hawkins and his wife kept 20 of 35 fish taken. Pool fish most days weighed up to 5 pounds and Carl was especially optimistic that the tremendous number of fish in the bay would lead to good fluking well into or even through the entire month of September.

Capt. Dan Juettner of the open boat **Capt. Dan** called via marine radio to add his accolades to the current run of fluke stretching from the Lighthouse to the Inlet. While there are still plenty of small fish around, the skipper spoke of a number of days where the keeper ratio hovered around 1:1. Action has been good on both tides with some bigger fish now making the scene. Sunday's pool fish was a 7 pounder.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** told of good bluefish action through most of the week on the day runs. He has been fishing locally on most trips with some particularly good action being found south of Cherry Grove. Fish range from 4-6 and 6-10 pounds with catches of 20-25 per angler not unusual. Beginners naturally, have a tougher time of it with most first timers managing approx. ½ dozen fish. Good fishing carried right through Sunday despite difficult conditions on Sunday. Night action has been holding up very well with an occasional off night. Friday night was a leap job with over 1,000 fish coming over the rail.

Captree's charter fleet continues to cash in on the fine flatfish action as well. Capt. Joe DiLiberto of the **Prime Time** put 16 anglers from Island Fence into 200 fluke on Saturday. Sunday was tough with the east wind but the party still managed to pick away. The group finished the day with 150 keepers. Joe reminded that he is now booking for October flounder and that he does have several choice dates open.

Capt. Joe Evans of the **Seabird** fished a party from Fairchild Camera on Saturday. Headed by Dick Pyne, the group did a real good job on the fish working at the WR buoy and the Inlet. Joe figured ⅓ of the days catch were keepers. John Suchert won the pool with a 4 pounder and Joe noted that fishing was good not only on the flood but on the ebb as well.

From **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in **Babylon**, Fred Austin has been repeating what everyone has been telling us concerning very good fluke fishing. He noted that Pierre Meslin accounted for 26 keepers to 7 pounds on Sunday fishing in the Inlet. Fred got in on some very good bluefishing on Friday fishing in 60' of water south of Cherry Grove. He loaded the box with 10-15 pound slammers. A number of marlin were spotted while bluefishing as well despite the shallow depths. Lots of weakfish in the bay to the east. The **Tilichi** return-

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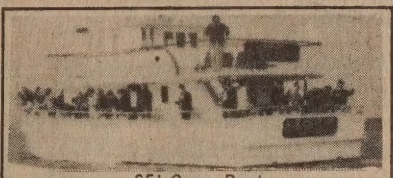
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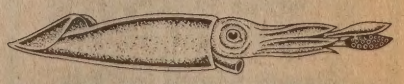

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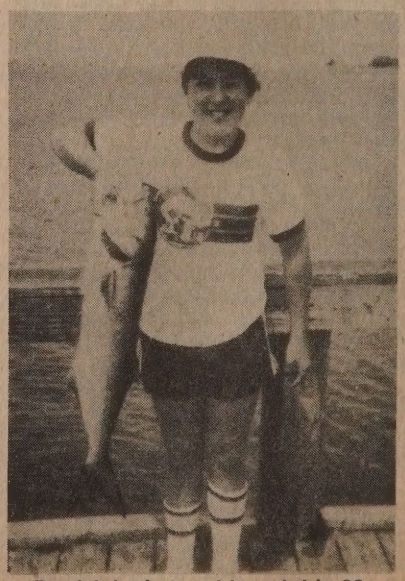
ed with 30 to 4 pounds on Saturday. They used squid strips. There was very good snapper fishing at the Babylon Town Dock through the weekend. On the offshore scene, the Miss Philly ran to 200' of water somewhere south of Shinnecock and returned with a load of longfins and yellowfins.

While the weather kept things relatively quiet, Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** spoke highly of this weeks fishing. Leading the way are fluke with a load of fish spread through the bay. Still lots of small ones, but enough bigger fish to keep things interesting. Small blues are being chummed along with an occasional weak off of Copiague and Amityville. A quart of chum or two is usually all that is required for these 1-3 pound fish. Mike looked over a couple of catches of blues to 16 pounds trolled SE of the Inlet in 50' of water during the week. He also knew of a 38 pound striper taken on a bunker in the State Channel down west. Also a few big weakfish beginning to take live snappers near the Lighthouse.

Bunker chum taking good numbers of porgies near the WR buoy according to Ralph Angelillo of **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague**. Small blues along South Beach with an occasional big weak coming from the same area. Lots of small weaks in the East Bay with slightly larger fish (4-5 pounds) being taken at Ocean Beach on outgoing water. Some school bass falling to clam chum and sandworms near the Wantagh Bridges. Thirteen year old Danielle Cesarano got a taste of big bluefish on Wednesday. She managed 8 in the 10-14 pound class on jigs fishing in 40-50 feet of water south of Ocean Beach. Also on



Patrick Ladmer whipped this 20 lb. bluefish from the Pt. Lookout Fishing Pier. It grabbed a killie meant for a fluke. The chopper was weighed at Ed's Fishing Station in Pt. Lookout.

Wednesday, the Misty II used Cedar jigs to troll 11 football tuna in 180' of water. On Saturday, the Shotgun checked in with 6 big albacore in the 40-45 pound class.

Bob Vitale of **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** spoke of lots of fluke at Kismet, the Lighthouse and the Inlet with best action on the flood and the first of the ebb. Porgies are being taken at Ocean Beach and West Channel with bunker chum and worms or skimmer clam bait. One to three pound blues are scattered in the bay and at the inlet with 007 jigs and white tubes working best. Snapper fishing now very good and crabs, while not real plentiful, are good size. Scott Berrent leads the shop fluke contest with a 6¼ pounder.

West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

The big news in this area is that there is really nothing new. Lots of fluke action remains on the inside with oodles of throwbacks. Ocean fluking, however, has picked up considerably on days hat conditions permit fishing to go on off the beaches. Bluefishing remained very good through Thursday but fell off on the weekend with the moon and easterly winds.

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A call from Captain Brian of the open boat **Chinco III** out of Seaford advised that fluking picked up this past week. During the week Brian roughly a 70 percent fluke keeper ratio, keepers mostly 15 inches and better. On Tuesday Ray Thompson had 22 nice keepers and 16 on Thursday. On Saturady's 5 hour trip Dan Ryan put away 18 keepers. There were many similar catches on board that day. Pools for the week have gone up to 5½ lbs. The boat has been fishing the state channel with long 2 to 3 hours drifts being made when conditions were right. Best baits were killies, squid and fluke belly.

From **Pop's Fishing Station**, John told of good fluking through Sunday but with a high throwback ratio. The keepers were much better sized though, he said. John Fitzpatrick and Bob Burtis totalled 15 keepers anchored up at Four corners and using shiners for chum and hook bait. The rentals have been averaging 6 keepers per boat with a 25 percent keeper ratio on killies and squid. Best action has been on the east side of the

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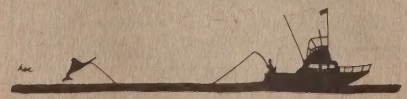

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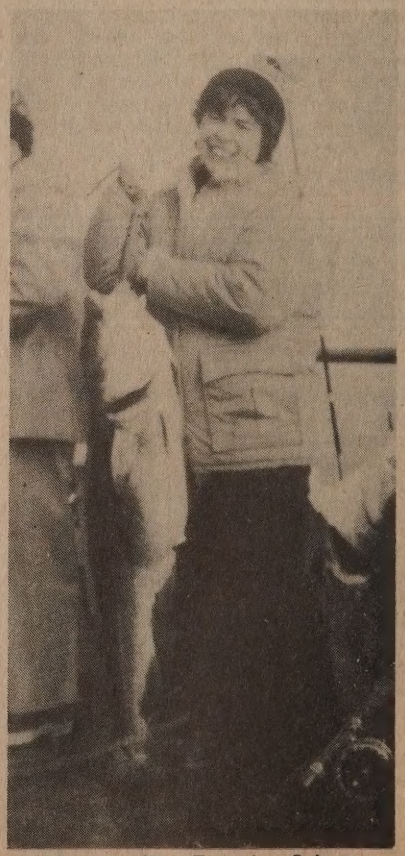
Wantagh bridges from 4 Corners to the 3rd Wantagh. BCCs are starting and are of good size. 'lots of bay blues at the 2nd and 3rd bridges on fluke rigs. Snappers are all over the place.

Captains Sig and Frank Signorelli of the Seaford charter boat **3 Sea-Sons** report the fishing this week was the best in years with daily catches of marlin and tuna for their parties. Sig is sure that dolphin will arrive at any time to round out the bag. Some of the latest catches are: Wednesday trip for Bob Silber and party, Harrisburg, Pa., 2 white marlin, an 84 lb. bluefin tuna, 45 yellowfin to 91 lbs. Thursdays trip for Bill Zurhurdie of Secaucus, NJ had 1 bluefin tuna of 93 lbs. and 4 yellowfin tuna to 62 lbs. Saturday for Larry Loadon of Islip, NY, 2 bluefin tuna and 1 yellowfin tuna was the score. On Sunday Dick Hoesten and party totalled 16 skippies and a 104 lb. yft. The boat still has 2 prime August dates available. See ad for details.

The word from **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore is of Steve Petri Sr's Wednesdays catch in Jones Inlet of 10 keeper fluke on sand eels and squid strip and 4 weakfish from 7 to 12 lbs. taken on a white bucktail and squid strip aboard Steve's Boat Ann G. Snappers are bigger now off the Jones Beach piers and bccs are being taken



LIF subscriber Francine Schupbach of Hastings, New York shows her fish of a lifetime. The 37 lb. cod was caught back in February aboard the Freeport open boat "Starstream."

off the golf course and Wantagh park.

As for the action out of Freeport Captain Richie Kessinger's **Starstream II** has ebeen having good day and night bluefishing right through THURS. night trip when action started to decline with the coming of the full moon. Best action of the week was at Long Branch and Seabright off the Jersey coast. The skipper expects hot bluefishing again probably by the time you read this report as conditions return to a more favorable bluefishing dining situation.

Word from the **Capt. Al** was also of very good local bluefishing through most of the week, working from buoy 4 to Cholera then over to Seabright in the latter part of the week. Al called the day and night fishing excellent through Thursday night with Fri and Sat. nights falling off considerably with the moon and the fish also being made spooky due to the exceptionally crystal clear water conditions. Earlier in the week many fares caught in the 40s. Fish are averaging 6 lbs. with 10 lbers. taking the pools. It's all diamond jigs days while bait does the job at night. The skipper says there's still lots of fish off Debs with occasional bonito being caught.

Bluefishing has been very good, weather permitting reported the **Bluefin Fleet**, with Fri., Sat. and Sunday seeing diminished catches due to the weather. However, it was excellent prior to that with choppers to 14 lbs. Pools for the week were Floyd Spanner and Beef Castillo with 12 lbers. and Ed Ryan with a 14 lber. High hook on blues was Fred Schwartz with 16. Fluke trips continue good in local areas but with lots of throwbacks. Big fluke of the week was a 5 lber. taken by a customer from Nyac.

A call from Skipper Mike Dannon of the **Capt. Lou Fleet** described very good/excellent fluking this week. On Wednesday's full day trip Syosset Anglers Ed Branson had 24 keepers and only 18 midgets, while on Friday Arthur Miller of Carl Place put away 28 keepers with only 15 throwbacks. On the same day Frank Snyder and grandson had 34 keepers. This was fishing to the east in the state channel. On the late PM flounder trips, high hook was Naomi Cohen of Brooklyn with 41. John Taska of Flushing had 28 while Pearl Mandell of Roslyn had 36. The half day fluke boat has been catching nicely with high hooks for the week from 9 to 12 fish, pool fish going up to 4½ lbs. on killies and squid in local waters.

From the charter boat **Lady J III** it was diamond jigging 3 to 12 lb. blues all week. Wednesday's trip for Baking Industry Executive s Club found good bluefishing south of Jones tower in 60 to 70 feet of water. Thursdays trip for American Airlines had a good pick on blues SW of Fl inlet, while Friday's trip for 21st Century Distributing Corp. picked away nicely off the Jersey shore. Satruday Frank Flandreau and group has some good shots and on Sunday the same applied for

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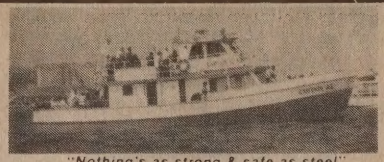

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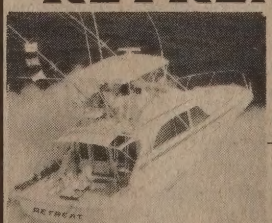

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We hear from Ronnie Bauer at **Hudson Point Fishing Station** that John Oppenheimer bagged a 57 lb. white marlin Saturday in 95 ft. of water SE of Jones. Aboard the Se and Suds a 125 lb. bigeye tuna was caught 40 miles SE of Jones Saturday on a green machine and another one twice the size was lost. Bob Garraputa of Hudson Anglers on Saturday had an even 70 keeper fluke fishing with 3 pals in Fundy and Reynolds with the big fish weighing in at 7 lbs. 8 oz. Flounde rhave been up and down. Weaks have been good at the bridges on sand worms on the last of the ebb and the first of the flood. Sea bass on the offshore wrecks have been excellent, up to 5 lb. 2 oz. Lots of bass in the bay for chummers and wormers, while bccs are expected to really pick up next week.

Call from the charter boat **Capt. Gary** told of Monday's fluke trip for the South Shore County Day Camp with Seth Copans bagging a 3¾ lber. Friday in the AM a trip for IBM enjoyed good fluking with Ralph Martinez taking the pool with a 3½ lber. It was slower that night on a bluefish trip for the Yonkers Fire Dept. It was tough sledding for Sat. day bluefish for Tony Acosta and grop fishing Long Branch and equally tough at night for the Mark Kaminsky party. However Sunday's fluke trip for Happy Hookers had good action with Bernard taking the pool with a 3¾ lber. and little Donny taking high hook honors iwth 7 keepers.

From the **Freeport Boatmen's Association** we learned of the **Super Spray II** which on Tues. PM trip 12 year old Chris DeNadio of Oceanside was happy with his 5 lb. pool winner an on Sunday's AM trip Yonkers anglers William Kelnter put away a 6½ pool winner fluke. Fluking has been decent on killies with still lots of midgets. The night bluefishing trips

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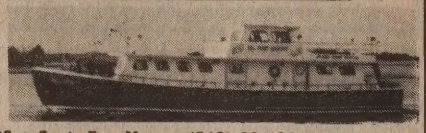

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with the exception of Fri. and Sat. nights have been excellent. the fish were there on the poor night but were just not biting. The Association's charter boat have been trolling blues in 40 to 50 ft. of water both to the easat and west and later on in the week off the Jersey shore.

Over in Point Lookout, a call from the charter boat **Marie III** told of Saturday's morning good shots of bluefishing SW of the BA on 8 to 12 lbers. on diamonds with fishing cut short at 12:30 by nasty weather. Catches ran from 3 to 7 fish a man with a lot of fish dropped. Sunday's group picked away at fluke in Reynolds, Garretts Lead and the back waters of Island Park. Ebb tide was best but overall conditions were poor and not conducive to a solid catch.

A call from Tom at **Scotty's Fishing Station** told of very good fluking on live killies and live snappers at the top of the tide in Middle Bay and in Reynolds between the loop bridge and the Long Beach high school. Excellent floundering at buoy 17 Reynolds, Middle Bay, Swift Creek and at the Big M. Blackfish up to 3 lbs. on green crabs, at the T wreck and the Jones Inlet construction dock. Late last week a 51 lb. white marlin was taken in 117 ft. of water SE of Jones by Sal Cataldo on his boat Seven Seas. A 348 lb. great white was the prize for Kevin Cordino on his 21 footer, fishing NW of the HA. This fish was 9½ feet in length. Lot of 3 to 5 lb. blues trolled Friday and Saturday in 30 feet of water. Jigged, too.

Word from the **Capt. Bill** was of fair fluking during the week with lots of throwbacks and a few keepers. On Saturday Don Connoly of Wantagh had 8 keepers plus a 3 lber. while Mike Goldstein of Long Beach grinned with his 7 keepers. The late afternoon flounder trips have seen high hook from 12 to 15 good fish.

At **Ed's Fishing Station** we learned of Howie Frankle fishng Wed. and Thursday about 3/4 mile off the beach taking 5 to 6 lb. blues on umbrellas. Cocktail blues on small umbrellas and tins at the J2 and the inlet mouth while fluke remain a very active species in the flats and at buoy 20, with high incoming best. Flounder remain good at the Big M while snappers are now up to ½ lb. in Reynolds and off the west marina pier. Sand porgies are fair and bccs starting.

Captain Clem of the **Commodore** out of Island Park has been having good ocean fluking, weather permitting. John Glass, Jr. had a 7 lb. pool fish Saturday off Riis Park and a good number of 4 lbers. were also taken. The weekdays saw good fluking off Riis also. Sea bass to 4 lbs. in good numbers have been mixed with the fluke. No slaughter said the captain but it's a good change from the swarms of short fish inside.

A call from **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook told of the good weakfishing being had at night at the Tin Can Grounds on bait tails and Nordic eels.

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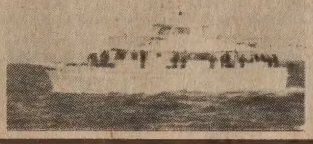

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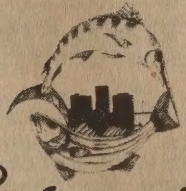

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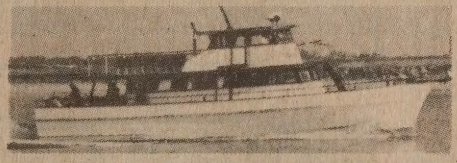

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Carol DeLuca caught this mess of flounder and 1 blackfish aboard the City Island open boat, "North Star II" back in July.

Charlie had also heard of the very good bluefish trolling being done off the beaches in the early part of the week. Flounder and fluke continue to be caught with the number of throw-backs on fluke continuing to predominate.

Over at **Long Beach Sports Marina** bluefish have been taken from buoy 4 to the west along with some weaks and bonito on umbrellas in 40 to 50 feet of water. Good catches of large fluke on white bait from the Warrioer buoy off Riis Park to Ambrose Channel during the week. Big blues, weaks and bass are under the bunker schools zipping around in Reynolds Channel. Snapper abound all over the place and some bccs being taken.

At Atlantic Beach Al at **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** also was aware of the very good fluking in the vicinity of the Warrior Buoy off Riis Park, fish to 5 lbs. on killies, smelt and spearing. Off the Silver Pt. jetty bass to 20 lbs. are being taken on hinge-back Rebels. Jessie York on the 4 Queens on Sunday managed 12 longfin albacore and a 43 lb. white marlin.

NEW YORK BIGHT

A call from Capt. Joe Gloss on the charter boat **Capt. Mike** out of Howard Beach told of Sunday's trip for the 15th Street Square Club, Masons with 200 keeper fluke. The 4 lb. pool fish was caught by Krista Schneeclaus in the area of the Marine Parkway Bridge off Floyd Bennett Field on sand eels and killies.

Sitting on Jamaica Bay **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** told us that both north and south channel bridges have been producing plenty of porgies on sand and blood worms, fish being hand sized. Lots of fluke with a good number of keepers on killies and squid. Lots of snappers on spearing, and small Kastmasters and Hopkins, fish now in the 7 to 8 inch variety. Cocktail blues being caught off the bridges evenings. Nights are seeing big weaks, blues and a few stripers being caught on whole or chunk bunker.

Skippys Tackle in East Rockaway had as his most vital piece of information the quality of the fluking at the Warrior Buoy off Riis Park. No super numbers but most fish are keepers, the direct opposite of the inshore fluke scene.

From **Mike's TAckle in** Sheepshead Bay, the Wee Willie report consisted of information on blues in the daytime being jigged at the Highlands in god good numbers and at night on bait in Debs Inlet through Wednesday after which action sputtered. The **Pilot II** has been working wrecks off the Jersey coast obtaining very good catches of porgies, blacks and ling. Weaks and bass are being taken on bunker at night at the Tin Can Grounds and off the college while snappers and small porgies are making their presence known in the

bay.

From Capt. Bob Wiegand of the **Flamingo III** came word of the banner day Friday on bluefish taken on diamond jigs off the Jersey coast. The catch was so strong that the boat stopped fishing at 1PM and returned home with exhausted fares. Bob said that bluefishing was good everyday of the week off Jersey particularly off Sea Bright and Long Branch with fish 4 to 7 lbs. and some larger. We've had CONSISTENT day fishing said Bob. Sunday was red hot in the morning also but cooled off as the day wore on.

Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** described fluking as picky earlier in the week at the Can but with fish smaller on the inside grounds. Friday and Saturday's fluking was much better said Butch with a lot of 3 to 5 lbers. taken between the Tin Can and the channel. Only 1 short was taken on Saturday. However, you had to work with the tide and conditions and the period of good fishing was only about 1½ hours. There were nicer fish in the ocean this week said Butch and the Warrior buoy area is coming alive.

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

Several days of easterly winds slowed fishing on all fronts and made for rough seas on Sunday. However, hopes are high for a resurgence of fluking in the coming week, and the bluefishing bonanza of mid-August is also expected to resume.

WESTERN SOUND

John DiCuffa at **Jack's Bait** on **City Island** had a few boats out over the weekend with nice flounder and porgy catches off Half Moon Beach, Harts Island, and Orchard Beach in 20 feet of water. There were some large bluefish to 14 pounds taken from Hempstead Harbor on chunk baits while reports of bass at night on worms and Rebels persist.

John Cacciola at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** was excited about local snapper fishing in the pond on incoming water and near the piers and outflow on the outgoing. Some flounder to one pound were taken from Morgan's Pond and local porgies were "decent". Bluefish were stacked up near the mouth of Hempstead Harbor and off Bar Beach for those fishing chunk and whole bunker. Piping Rock and the beach club were also good. The best blue on the board last week was 13.5.

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Dave Roberts, with an assist on the net from his 5-year-old nephew Richard Cobello, landed this 12¾ lb. doormat fluke off of Eaton's Neck back on July 9.

very good bluefishing around Smithtown, but had to haul back to New Rochelle early on Sunday because of rough seas. Dom Cerbone of the **Apache** out of City Island joined the elite on Saturday with a 12½ pound fluke taken on a sandworm and porgy rig near Smithtown. The doormat measured 32 inches. Saturday's catch of larger porgies was "not bad" and Cerbone managed to "get by" on Sunday with a catch of local flounder and smaller porgies from Oyster Bay. Ten fluke to 4 pounds made up a by-catch. Joe Ferrara of the **Sea King** hid behind Lloyds over the weekend blow and picked flounder and a number of smaller porgies. Otherwise the City Island boat is fishing around Eatons for porgies in the ½ to 1 pound class.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Bob Cedar from **Huntington Prop** called to report a nice catch of mid-sized blues to 7 pounds by Ian and Martin Brodsky who were jigging and casting in the Target Rock area. Will Monsell weighed an 8½ pound sub-doormat in a pick of fluke on Thursday. There were nice porgies to a pound in the entrance to Centerport Harbor, and the fishing was an all day pick in 30 feet of water. Lloyds and Sand City featured fluke until the easterlies took hold.

George Valentine from the **Four Winds** in **Huntington Station** figures that the decent bass fishing will reestablish itself as soon as the winds

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ease off. Valentine was also excited about Denise Brussell's huge tide-runner, a weakfish of 13.7, taken on a bunker chunk in Northport Bay. Fluking in sheltered areas remained good for most of the weekend.

The **Caraftis Fishing Station** looked at a "wasted two days" in the Port Jeff area, but remained optimistic because of the fine porgy fishing off the Oldfield mansion. Before the winds rose over the weekend there were humpbacks over 2 pounds in that zone, and some very good numbers of scup as well. Although 90 percent of the local fluke were throwbacks, there were still plenty of flatfish around Belle Terre, and Porpoise Channel, Stony Brook, was also worth fishing.

The **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** mentioned a very few weakfish off the Pink House and the beach at Miller Place along with "porgies here and there." Trolling was the answer for most of the bluefishing because the fish were not concentrated, and bass sharpies were looking for schoolies to the east.

Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's Fishing Station** in **Mount Sinai** mentioned porgies off the harbor and the rocks around Rocky Point. The trick was to fish the turn of the tides.

NORTH FORK

Ed Kopack at **Warrens** said that the Sound was still featuring "a little bit of everything" with moving schools of porgies for those using clam chum

John Russel used a spinnerbait to take this 4¾ lb. largemouth bass from a small Mattituck pond. It was weighed at Rocky Point Fishing Stop.

east of Mattituck Inlet. Some weakfish in the 4-7 pound range were scattered in that area as well, but the bluefish activity was still centered around Buoy 5. Green and white tubes were advised for trolling.

Liz Caraftis at the **Mattituck Fishing Station** said that porgy numbers were off due to east winds and moon tides but that sizes were good. The Beachcomber was the spot for scup and there were some weaks and seabass mixed in with the silver.

Phil Loria at **Captain Marty's** in **New Suffolk** had an excellent weak with catches of 20 summer weaks per boat on most days. Sunday was simply too rough, and no boats were out. Weaks to 3½ pounds were found in the Roses Grove-Nassau Point zone and porgies continued to be strong south of Buoy 26 on clams and worms. High hook squid or whole sandworms were advised for weaks. The first kingfish of the season and some catches of blowfish were also reported from the South Race.

The **Port of Egypt** still liked the west side of Jessups toward the Middle Grounds for porgies. Some fluke were reported from the Greenlawns area as well, and weakfish in Southhold Bay continue to please. Along with summer sized weaks one 9 pounder also showed up in the catch a week ago.

Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** said that everyone was loading up on bluefish in the Gut and down at the Fishers Island Race. Diamond jigging was the standard technique. The south side of Plum Island still had fluke and there were snappers everywhere around the local docks. The **Brand X** was offshore on porgies east of Gardiner's, and there was absolutely no action in the Trumans and Pettys Bight areas. The **Peconic Star** mentioned a slow weekend due to weather conditions but had a good week. Dave Brennan reported that last Wednesday was his best day of the year so far for porgies.

Clark Bellows of the **Prime Time II** had very good days last Monday and Tuesday but felt that sizes fo fluke dropped off noticeably late in the week. The areas south of Plum Island and off the Gardiner's rips were still producing with a 7 pound pool winner on Wednesday. John Rainis of the **Blue Albatross** concentrated on blues over the weekend in the Gut with 4-6 pounders the chief component of the catch. The best slammer went 13 pounds. Hopes spring eternal for a return to good fluke fishing when the unfavorable weather conditions and moon tides quit later this week.

Rod DeLisle reported excellent catches last week for the **Prowler**, mostly diamond jigging. Henry Biscardi's 4-person party accounted for over 20 fluke and more than 30 blues with the top bluefish rated around 12 pounds. Al Cartusciello's 5-person gang hauled over 100 blues.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Bluefish provided a few bright moments along south shore beaches again this week. Casters lucky enough to be at Montauk's Hither Hills State Park, mid-day Friday, may have had the best of it. According to Kathy Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop**, blues in the 8-10 pound class raided the sand beach for nearly 2 hours, to the delight of campers and bathers fortuante enough to have rods at the ready. The fish took both tins and poppers readily.

Blues have also been showing along beaches to the west according to Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** and Thom Speckenbach of **Speck's Tackle** in **Southampton**. Thom weighed a pair of 12 pound blues for Bill Mahoney and added that fish have showed irregularly along beaches on both the east and west sides of Shinnecock Inlet. Some small fish at the inlet as well. There was talk of a weak taken on the East side early Friday morning that tipped a hand scale at 16 pounds.

Both sides of Moriches Inlet have seen blues come and go in recent days. Paul Graniello said the fish include a body of 1-3 pounders and a school of larger fish in the 5-8 pound range. He did weigh a 14 pounder taken on a swimmming plug from the inlet prior to the weekend. Lots of shart bass (18-20") around. They're on the jetties and along the sand beaches as well.

Aside from bluefish, Kathy Kronuch did weigh a 20 pound bass for Stu Heath. It was taken Sunday night on a Needlefish plug at Ditch Plains. A few weaks to 6-7 pounds under the light over the weekend and a couple of school bass as well. Nothing to get excited about but at least there's some life Small blues (1-3 pounds) are hit and miss on the north side, up front and along the sand beaches.

Reports from Fire Island and points west were tough to come by, but for those surfmen not too keen on working late night tides, fluke have been providing a pleasant distraction. Cedar Beach, Sore Thumb, Captree and Robert Moses Fishing Piers and the Jones Beach Piers have all been producing some decent fluke action. On Saturday for example, one caster managed 7 fluke to 6 pounds on live snappers from the Sore Thumb. On Sunday, Mike Lewis of Levittown had 9 keepers along with 15 throwbacks during a stint from the Jones Beach Piers. He used live killies but noted that everyone was doing well with the fish.

North shore casters have been flirting with blues as well. In the western Sound, Hempstead Harbor has been producing some big choppers on bunker chunks for those with access. According to John Cacciala of **Glen Cove Sport Shop**, casters working Peacock Point and Center Island have been scoring with 4-6 pound blues on poppers and tins. The Smithtown Bay shore has been producing occasional shots at a few small blues. The same is true of the Rocky Point area where Stan Hentschel of **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** spoke of a few fish in the early AM and evenings. The few small bass being taken from the area seem to prefer yellow or gold finished swimming plugs.

Stan, a regular aboard the Orient Point based open boat, "Prime Time," with a 5 lb. fluke taken at Horton's Point.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	11:35	11:50	—	12:30	—	12:30	12:50	1:20	2:30	2:50	2:40	3:05	11:40	11:55	8/16
FRI.	—	12:15	12:45	1:10	12:25	1:05	1:35	2:05	3:10	3:30	3:20	3:45	—	12:25	8/17
SAT.	12:30	12:55	1:20	1:50	1:00	1:35	2:20	2:50	3:50	4:10	4:05	4:25	12:40	1:10	8/18
SUN.	1:10	1:45	2:10	2:45	1:35	2:20	3:10	3:40	4:40	5:00	4:50	5:15	1:25	2:05	8/19
MON.	2:05	2:35	3:00	3:35	2:20	3:10	4:10	4:35	5:30	5:50	5:50	6:10	2:25	3:00	8/20
TUES.	3:10	3:40	4:00	4:35	3:20	4:10	5:10	5:30	6:30	6:50	6:45	7:10	3:25	4:00	8/21
WED.	4:20	4:50	5:00	5:35	4:45	5:25	6:10	6:25	7:35	7:55	7:50	8:10	4:30	4:55	8/22
THURS.	5:30	5:50	6:00	6:35	6:00	6:25	7:05	7:15	8:45	9:00	8:50	9:05	5:25	5:50	8/23

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	-0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:		RISE:	SET:
THU.	8/16	6:08	8:01
FRI.	8/17	6:09	7:59
SAT.	8/18	6:10	7:57
SUN.	8/19	6:11	7:55
MON.	8/20	6:12	7:53
TUE.	8/21	6:13	7:50
WED.	8/22	6:14	7:49

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:		RISE:	SET:
THU.	8/16	10:25PM	10:41AM
FRI.	8/17	10:48PM	11:41AM
SAT.	8/18	11:14PM	12:42PM
SUN.	8/19	11:44PM	1:45PM
MON.	8/20	—	2:50PM
TUE.	8/21	12:20AM	3:55PM
WED.	8/22	1:06AM	4:58PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
7/28	8/4	8/11	8/19

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	9:15	**3:05**	9:40	**3:25**
Fri.	9:55	**3:45**	10:20	**4:05**
Sat.	10:40	**4:30**	11:05	**4:05**
Sun.	11:30	**5:20**	11:55	**5:40**
Mon.	—	**6:00**	12:10	**6:25**
Tues.	12:40	**6:50**	1:05	**7:55**
Wed.	1:30	**7:40**	2:00	**8:10**
Thurs.	2:25	**8:35**	2:45	**9:05**

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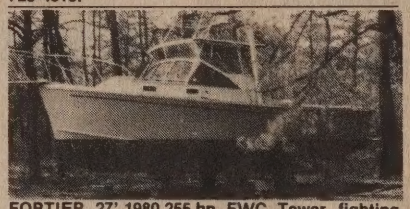

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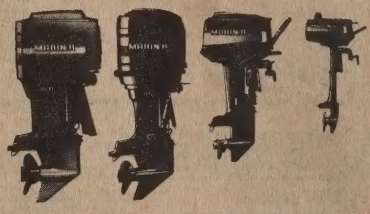

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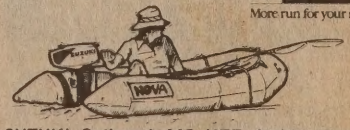

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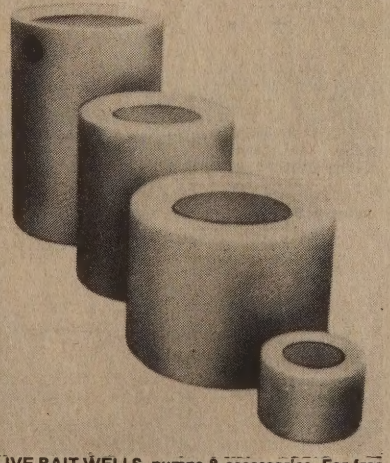

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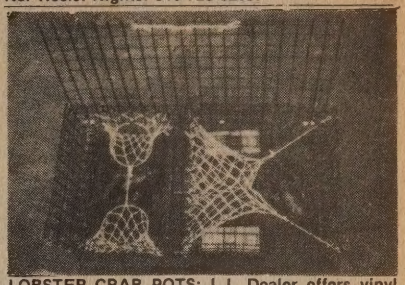

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